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ALBANY.

Inauguration of the New State Government.

Speech of Gov. Fenton on Retiring from Office.

The Inaugural Speech of the New Governor.

ALBANY, Friday, Jan. 1.

The Ninth Brigade, composed of the Sixteenth and Twenty-fifth Regiments and a company of artillery, paraded this morning and escorted the Governor and his staff to the State Capital, where, although the snow was falling and a heavy west wind blowing, making it the most disagreeable day of the Winter thus far, the crowd was large; but the Italian Guards, a politico-military organization of about one hundred men, succeeded in maintaining perfect order. At noon a national salute was fired by the brigade and the little Giant gun.

A little before 1 o'clock Gov. FENTON and his staff, followed by Gov. HOFFMAN and his staff, entered the Assembly Chamber, which was soon crowded by spectators.

WELCOME BY GOV. FENTON.

Occupying the Clerk's desk, Gov. FENTON said:

GOV. HOFFMAN: In welcoming you to the Chief Magistracy of the State, as it is alike my duty and my pleasure to do, I cheerfully transfer the symbols of its authority to your hands. I bid you welcome to the Capitol, not merely to the exalted station to which you have been chosen, but also to the friendly regard and generous hospitality of its citizens. In terminating my stay among them, I cannot forbear to express my grateful appreciation of their uniform courtesy. I am sure that the kindness which they have invariably extended to me will be as freely continued to you, and will contribute greatly to the pleasure of your official residence in their midst. While offering you my best wishes upon your accession to the office of Governor, I speak from my own experience, when I remind you that it is a position of arduous toil and unceasing care. To preserve and improve the material resources of the Republic fall on the face of urgent appeals and individual hardships demand all your firmness and patience. If you are subject to criticism, you will but share the lot of all your predecessors. The trusts of the position are so difficult and delicate as to forbid the hope of entire escape from misinterpretation and censure. But that subject is not with me. While I feel the responsibilities of the office, they are not without compensations; if the trials are severe the rewards are no less signal and far more lasting. To him who holds the relation to the people which you now assume, the highest opportunities for the advancement of the public good are imparted, and enable him to secure for himself ample recompense for the precipitate and erroneous judgments of men. And for his own considerations and faithful services, a population to be counted by millions, with interests vast in number and incalculable in value, whose enterprises extend in every direction and every field of activity, and whose intelligence with freedom of opinion thus is nowhere surpassed, necessarily constitutes a Commonwealth so diversified in character and sentiment that the Chief Magistrate who shall expect by his administration to satisfy all will not fail to be disappointed. He may not hope even for exemption from misjudgment, but the merit which, relying on the public good and integrity in the public service, will sooner or later be discerned, and its requisal will not cease to himself or to his name as long as the people are just and the memory of his good intentions survive. These considerations do not imply that the Executive can disregard his party obligations; but it is not too much to say that in the administration of public affairs a recognition of the general good and the foundation principle of equity and justice is not only the highest obligation, but includes all others. As the representative of the whole people, his own sense of responsibility for the permanent good and his ultimate, if not immediate support, or a just public sentiment unite to strengthen and enforce this sacred and comprehensive duty. In the effort to promote the general welfare, which I doubt not you will make, I invoke for your encouragement and support the prayers of all the people of the great Commonwealth, and the guidance of Him who is wise in all things.

REPLY OF GOV. HOFFMAN.

GOV. HOFFMAN replied as follows:

In receiving from you, Gov. FENTON, in the presence of these, our friends and fellow-citizens, the symbols of authority which belong to high office, the duties and cares of which you lay aside and I assume to-day, I realize how beautiful that system of government is which permits the transfer of so much power without ceremony. The sympathy which adopts the act clothed with additional dignity, and the kindness and good-will you manifest when surrendering to me the trust you have held so long, assure me that you forget, as I do, the asperities of a great political contest, the results of which, whether in the State or nation, the people cheerfully accept. The words of kindness which you utter in behalf of the State are words of generous feeling, and impress me deeply. I am not a stranger to this city, or to the hospitalities of its citizens. Many who were known to me here in earlier life have been called away, leaving to the living the priceless legacy of an honorable name. I cherish their memories, and feel assured that those who have survived them will show to me the same courtesy and kindness which have been extended to you and to your predecessors. Looking back upon the long line of great men who have occupied the Chair of State to which I have been called, whose presence seem yet to fill the Capitol in which we stand, and feeling the full weight of the responsibilities now devolved upon me, I invoke the generous support of all the people and the aid of Him who directs the destinies of men and of empires. Public life has its trials and rewards, its pains and pleasures, its disappointments and hopes; but the true man, caring little for harsh judgment or unjust censure, will find his full recompense in the approval of his constituents, and in the consciousness of having performed his duty faithfully and well. The passions and prejudices of the hour are soon forgotten, but the record we make is for all time, and is entered upon the pages of history, never to be erased. In the welcome you have given me you have wisely omitted all reference to the issues of the day, a discussion of which by whomsoever would be a violation of the proprieties of the occasion. We cannot tell what the future may have in store for us. Let us indulge the hope that a wise Providence will direct all things for the greatest good of our State and country, and that we may live to see them both attain a degree of prosperity and prosperity which has the parallel in their past history.

After the address of Gov. HOFFMAN, the Lieutenant-Governor, ALLEN C. BEACH, was sworn into office, the oath being administered by Judge NASON, Secretary of State.

Subsequently the usuaual crowd called upon Gov. HOFFMAN at the Executive Chamber, and upon Mrs. HOFFMAN at the Governor's residence, to exchange the compliments of the season.

At 5:30 o'clock P. M. the retiring staff of Gov. FENTON dined at the Delavan House with the staff of Gov. HOFFMAN.

The weather is cold and blustering, and the day the severest of the season.

STATE OFFICERS—1869.

The following is a list of the State officers who entered upon the duties of their offices yesterday:

JOHN T. HOFFMAN, Governor.
ALLEN C. BEACH, Lieutenant-Governor.
HORATIO A. SEYMOUR, Secretary of State.
WILLIAM B. ALLEN, Comptroller.
MARSHALL B. CHAMPLAIN, Attorney-General.
VAN H. RICHMOND, State Engineer.
WHEELER H. BISHOP, Treasurer.
JOHN D. FAY, OLIVER BARCOM, } Canal Commissioners.
STEPHEN T. GAYLE, JAMES A. BELL, Auditor Canal Department.
ABRAM S. WEAVER, Superintendent Public Instruction.
DAVID S. MCNEIL, SOLOMON SCHUL, JOHN HAMMOND, } Inspector State Prisons.
EDWIN C. FREMAN, Clerk Court of Appeals.
JOHN D. VAN BUREN, Governor's Private Secretary.

GOVERNOR'S STAFF.

FRANKLIN TOWNSEND, Adjutant-General.
JAMES MCQUADE, Inspector-General.
WILLIAM H. MORRIS, General of Ordnance.
WILLIAM M. TWEED, Jr., Engineer-in-Chief.
JAMES E. GRAHAM, Judge-Advocate-General.
JACOB S. MOSHER, Surgeon-General.
C. FRECHE BUSHEL, Quartermaster-General.
GEORGE J. MASON, Paymaster-General.
WILLIAM CORNELL, Commissary-General.
COLS. ROBERT LENOX BANKS, WALTER P. WARNER, B. ROWSEME CHENOWETH, WILLIAM F. MOLLER, WELLS KEED, Aid-de-Camps.

THE LEGISLATURE.

The State Senate contains 17 Republicans and 15 Democrats. The Assembly will consist of 78 Republicans and 28 Democrats; Republican majority, 22. On joint ballot the Republicans will have 38 majority.

GOV. HOFFMAN'S RESIDENCE IN ALBANY.

From the Albany Knickerbocker.

The residence of Gov. HOFFMAN, now nearly completed in Congress Hall building, will probably be one of the finest, on the interior, to be found in the city. The apartments to be occupied by His Excellency, have been turned inside out, removed, reconstructed, and altered throughout. They do not look like the same place. It is wonderful how the labor of the mechanic and artist can change the appearance of things. The buildings that were formerly used as an ordinary dwelling, will soon present the appearance of a princely palace. Furniture, carpets, damasks, laces, &c., of the most gorgeous description, constitute the arrangements of the Governor's mansion. To the external appearance has been added a portico of beautiful architecture—neat, attractive and accommodating. In front of the portico are two large pillars, handsomely carved and worked up, from the top of which will project a gas-burner, to be covered by an appropriately designed globe, giving to the whole an air of distinction, elegance, and refinement, somewhat in keeping with the name and office of Governor of the great Empire State. We earnestly hope, however, that the day is not far distant when steps will be taken to erect a permanent Governor's mansion. The Governor's mansion is complete in its appointments, and more in keeping with the position than any we have had in many years.

MEXICO.

New States—A General Amnesty—Reception of Gen. Rosecrans—Speech of President Juarez—Another Ortega Movement.

From Our Own Correspondent.

MEXICO, Tuesday, Dec. 22, 1868.

As if there was not a sufficient number of Governments in Mexico, taking into consideration those that acknowledge the supremacy of the Federal Congress and those that do not, the Mexican Congress has been taken with a mania quite recently for creating new States. While the great public improvements of the country are left to languish for want of the fostering care of the Government, Congress amuses itself in multiplying the number of Governors and Legislatures. The latest novelty in that line has been the creation of the new State of Morelos, a measure which, although it may well be considered as of questionable utility, passed through Congress by a large majority of votes. The inhabitants of Cuernavaca, who undoubtedly are those most particularly interested in the affair, seem, on the whole, to be well satisfied, and are busying themselves in the preparations requisite to put the necessary machinery of the new State Government in running order. Gen. FORTINO DIAZ has been nominated by them for the Governorship and it is very probable that the General will accept the candidacy, although the disruptional State policy inaugurated by Congress is known to be little in accordance with his professed opinions on the subject, and even thought by some that so antagonistic has he shown himself to all innovations on the system of States, territorial rights and privileges, heretofore existing, that, instead of sanctioning, by his acceptation of a governorship, the new order of things established, he would prefer to remain forever in the retirement of private life. Whatever may be the General's opinion on the subject, one thing is certain: he will do nothing which is at variance with his honest convictions. The name of FORTINO DIAZ is one of the very few prominent ones in Mexico to which, like the ideal wife of Cæsar, neither guilt nor suspicion is attached—his patriotism beyond cavil, his character above reproach. The next thing of importance that has been done by Congress is the acquittal of the Secretary of War of the charges brought against him for having authorized several disbursements not comprised in the estimates of expenditures, and those brought against the Secretary of State were also set aside and the Secretary absolved from the accusations preferred against him. The charges, in the first place, were not well founded, and in the second, badly sustained. Congress was also disposed to be lenient, even in the event of culpability having been established against the accused, from the fact that a conviction would have proved most damaging to the prestige of the party. The mere fact of accusations having been made against these high public functionaries proves that the public morality is not of that high order claimed by some of the mouth-pieces of the dominant party in Mexico, and cause us to look with charity upon the lesser acts of vandalism and spoliation committed by more ignorant officials.

AMNESTY.

The introduction of the bill having for its object the declaration of a general amnesty to all political offenders—not including, however, "Traitors to the country;" or, in other words, those who have served under the Government of the Empire—has received a favorable hearing from the Commission charged with its consideration. This amnesty is intended as a peace offering to the different ultra-liberals who have "pronounced" against the authority of the general Government, and has for its object the drawing together and firm consolidation of the different elements of the Mexican Liberal-Constitutional Party now unhappily separated by the spirit of discord, and the formation of a grand national party which will, in an eminent manner, be entitled to the warm support and sincere admiration of all true Mexican patriots who have the real interests of the country at heart. We cannot but think, however, that a measure proclaiming a general amnesty to all political offenders, including even those who served the empire would be of great benefit for the country. It is a well-known fact that some of the most talented minds of the Mexican nation formed part and parcel of the Administration of MAXIMILIAN, and those men accept in good faith the redestablishment of the Republic. We cannot consider the policy either just or convenient for the public good, which deprives them of all participation in the Government of the country, and drives them to the formation of a party in opposition to the existing Government significant in number and formidable in intelligence.

THE REVOLUTION IN TAMAULIPAS

Increases in importance, and thus far has defied all the efforts of Gen. ESCOBEDO to put it down. It is said that MANUEL CUELLA has united with BRAULIO VARGAS, and his force consists of 600 men. The Government of Tamaulipas has levied a tax of one-half per cent on all invest ed capital to raise funds to put down the revolution. A great deal of discontent is manifested by the people at this measure, although it is only exacted by the pressing exigencies of the case. All commercial business is in a languishing condition, on the other hand the revolution augments.

RECEPTION OF GEN. ROSECRANS.

Gen. ROSECRANS was received by President JUAREZ on the 10th inst., when he presented his credentials from Washington, and was recognized in his official character by the Mexican President. After the delivery of the address of Gen. ROSECRANS, which referred to the very friendly relations existing between the two Republics, and to the admiration of the people of the American Union for the efforts of the Mexican Republic in throwing off a foreign yoke, and regaining its former constitutional and republican existence, President JUAREZ replied:

Señor Minister: I receive with satisfaction the letter of your Government, in which you are accredited as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary from the United States of America to the Mexican Government. The elevated principles manifested by you in order to improve the discharge of your mission, the confidence of your Government, and the cordial sentiments which you express in its name and your own, of friendship and sympathy toward Mexico, entitle you to the very just consideration of the Mexican people and their Government. In the enlarged efforts which Mexico has needed to reconquer, first, its autonomy in order to consolidate it, and in order that the Government of its constitutional liberty might prevail, it has ascended and yet ascends in a great manner the sympathy of the people and Government of the United States as a bond of fraternity between the two Republics. The Mexican Government maintains the enduring confidence and desire that, far from slacking, the friendly relations existing happily, between the two countries will be cultivated and extended more and more each day. Moreover, from the similarity of their political principles, the close proximity should facilitate the development of commerce and of all useful enterprises which unite peoples together in peace.

You will encounter, Sir Minister, the most friendly co-operation on the part of the Mexican Government to the illustrious designs which you have expressed as the object of your mission, and and it will be joyous of all that may be advantageous to the welfare and happiness of the two nations.

TELEGRAPH LINES IN CONTEMPLATION.

The preparations for the establishment of a line of telegraph from Vera Cruz to San Pico are nearly completed, and 180 miles of telegraph wire had arrived in the former port. I am sorry, however, that I am unable to predict many advantages from its construction, as the wire of the lines erected and in process of erection is frequently cut and taken possession of by the Mexicans as the interests, who seem to think, probably, that wire has a higher and more important use than the transmission of ideas.

VERA CRUZ RAILROAD.

The work on this road has at last commenced and is being pushed forward with great activity on the branch running from Apizaco to Puebla, and owing to this fact more than any other is due the rapid disappearance of a number of robbers and bandits, a large portion of whom will find it more profitable to receive $1 per day for their labor on this line, than to pursue their former precarious and fly-and-freebooting speculations.

GONSALES ORTEGA AGAIN.

A party has raised quite recently in favor of Ortega, and the leaders have gone to confer with QUIROGA in Texas. It is not known whether ORTEGA recognizes this new move in his favor or not; as, so to least accounts, he has maintained the strictest silence.

PORTO CARRERO.

GEN. GRANT.

A Conversation With the President-Elect—Government Aid to State Enterprises.

From the St. Louis Democrat, Dec. 30.

A distinguished citizen of St. Louis, a professional gentleman of reliable judgment, has just returned from Washington, where he had an introduction to the President elect, and very pleasantly relates characteristics of the interview that go far to exhibit the clear thought and the independent judgment of the man whom the people honor. We hope to hear from our friend often, and present his sketch this morning under his own title of

A HALF HOUR WITH GEN. GRANT.

Editors Missouri Democrat:

It was my good fortune this morning to spend a short time with the man to whom more than to any other the eyes of the nation are at present turned.

The headquarters of the armies of the United States is an unassuming two-story building, formerly a private residence, directly opposite the War Department. In company with a friend, your correspondent presented himself, inquiring of an orderly in the hall if the General was in. Receiving an affirmative reply, our cards were sent up. In a few moments we were requested to walk up stairs to the General's office.

When we entered, the General was out. In a moment he entered by a side door, as one could fall to recognize him instantly. The likenesses one meets everywhere are very like indeed. They do not flatter, as is usually the case, neither do they make him younger than he really appears. The pictures we see of JOHNSON are not like him; he is much older, more wrinkled and care-worn than they represent him. Not so, however, with GRANT. The pictures of the shops, the papers, and the cabinet are strikingly true representations of the man. GRANT's countenance is pale, and has an expression of sadness. He has a noticeable stoop of the shoulders, and walks with a shuffling gait. He looks like a man burdened with care and anxiety, but withal a firm, self-reliant man, with the will that he was bearing up against it, determined that it would not yield to it or be affected by it. He was dressed in a plain suit of black, with nothing whatever about his person or office to indicate his rank. After a cordial greeting, he offered us seats, and in a very easy, familiar way, entered into conversation. In a few moments Senator [illegible] was announced, with Judge [illegible], of Louisiana.

"General," said the Senator, "Judge —— wishes to see you a few moments, and consult with you in regard to the improvement of the levees of the Lower Mississippi. We wish the United States Government to indorse the three guarantee the bonds of the State of Louisiana for the restoration and improvement of the levees."

"I hope the Government will not do it," the General replied, with a quick, positive utterance that was not only decisive and final on that subject, but almost stunning.

"But, General," urged the Senator, "we only wish the United States to indorse the bonds, so that we can sell them without a ruinous sacrifice, giving the United States ample security for the entire amount, so that it would be impossible for the Government to lose a cent in any emergency."

Again GRANT quickly interrupted, "I never knew a Government to become responsible for any amount

[illegible] the indorsement of the bonds. If that is given, you will soon want to legislate for the payment of the bonds."

"General," said the Senator, "you are too hard on us."

"While we are discussing on all sides," said GRANT, "how the national debt is to be paid, I shall oppose any increase of the national obligations."

"It is impossible to cultivate our lands," interposed the Senator. "The levees are absolutely necessary."

"I know all about the levees," he answered. "I served in that country when a young man, and I had something to do myself, with the breaking of those levees."

"But," said the Judge, "millions of acres of the best land in the world are subject to overflow."

"Let them overflow, and let them stay under water," said GRANT, "until their owners are willing that Northern men and Northern capital should come in and protect and improve them. Northern men with ample capital are ready to make a garden of your State, and you won't let them do it. Your large landholders are as hostile to the United States Government to-day as they have ever been; and it is idle to suppose that Government should rebuild their levees it would not change them a particle. I know he say the Government could have adopted for repairs of the levees but to have confiscated the lands of those engaged in rebellion, and used the proceeds to restore the country. As that was not done, nothing remains but to set your negroes to work, and invite in and welcome Northern men."

"General," said the Judge, "the negroes won't work."

"Won't work?" GRANT quietly replied; "they'll work if you'll pay them for it."

"Am I not right?" he added. "Is there not such a hostility to Northern men that it amounts in most sections of the State to a practical exclusion of them from the agricultural interests of the country? Is not the policy of the State to divide up the lands, and sell in small parcels to those who might immigrate; and is there not a general tendency to secure the services of the negroes without prompt and adequate compensation?"

"I must say," said the Judge, "that there is more or less of truth in all these points."

"Then," said GRANT, "I know you will have to build your own levees, or wait under water until you are willing men should come in who will build them."

The above, though not all that was said, gives the substance and spirit of the conversation. It shows much more plainly than any statement I have seen upon the subject, the position the President elect now stands with reference to the South.

This conversation shows that whatever he may hereafter do he now stands by his past record. He means that a citizen of the United States shall be recognized as such, and secured and protected in his rights and privileges in every State; that the freedmen shall be protected in all the rights and the labor fairly compensated; that the national obligations shall not be increased, and that the promoters of the late war at the South shall not be aided by the Government in repairing the damages occasioned by the war.

The impression of the interview was a strong conviction that GRANT is a Radical in the main, and in sense of the political term, that all parties North and South would do wisely to recognize the fact and act accordingly. That he will follow the course of JOHNSON and abandon the party that elected him, and to any extent identify himself with his enemies or opponents in the war, is contrary to the character of the man, and his present positive and clearly expressed convictions.

GRANT's manner is that of quiet ease, perfect self-reliance, and the most positive convictions. He expresses his ideas in short sentences, and in a low tone of voice. Although there is a remarkable quietness in his manner, there is at the same time marked positiveness of utterance in such a degree indeed that one feels that there is very little use in replying to an adverse opinion. Though there was nothing approximating to rudeness, yet there was that positiveness in his first short response to the Louisiana Senator and Judge, that left them neither hope nor ground for pleading their cause further. It was clearly evident that want they said after that was in defence of themselves rather than with the hope of making an impression on their auditor.

Such is GRANT as I saw him. He is unchanged. He is as positive and determined as ever. Wherever line or battle he may be, upon you may depend upon it he will still fight it out on that line.

O. C. A.

The Special Election of Congressman in the Arkansas Second District.

From the Camden (Ark.) Journal, Dec. 16.

The election on last Friday, the 11th inst., to supply the vacancy caused by the death of Congressman BENNE, passed off quietly, without disturbance of any kind whatever. The vote polled was small in consequence of no proper notice being given of the date of the election; although Sheriff BEAUCHAMP gave the usual notice by proclamation at the different precincts. The Democracy displayed unusual apathy, whether because they did not like their candidate or because they wisely considered that it was best to elect Judge JAMES T. ELLIOTT, we do not pretend to know. So far as we have heard and returns, ELLIOTT runs far ahead of both his competitors, and we may safely assume that he is elected by a large majority.

TELEGRAMS.

Speech of the Emperor Napoleon to the Diplomatic Corps.

Address of Victor Emmanuel of Italy to His Military Staff.

Both Addresses of a Pacific Character and Hopeful of the Future.

FRANCE.

Speech of the Emperor to the Diplomatic Corps—He Hopes for Peace During the Present Year.

PARIS, Friday, Jan. 1.

The Emperor NAPOLEON, at the usual New-Year's reception of the Diplomatic Corps, in replying to the address of the representatives of foreign Powers, said that he realized with much pleasure the conciliatory spirit animating European Governments, which enables them to quiet animosities and smooth international difficulties as fast as they arise, thus insuring the continuance of peace. He confidently hoped that the year 1869 would prove as satisfactory as the year which has just closed, and that the course of events may dissipate unfavorable apprehensions and consolidate the peace so necessary to the welfare and progress of civilized nations and peoples.

Outflow of Specie from the Bank of France.

PARIS, Friday, Jan. 1.

There has been a very considerable outflow of specie from the Bank of France during the week just passed. The official statement of the condition of affairs of that institution is published to-day, whereby it is shown that the amount of bullion on hand is quite $1,000,000f. less than at the corresponding period last week.

ITALY.

Speech of King Victor Emanuel to the Military Staff.

FLORENCE, Italy, Friday, Jan. 1.

King VICTOR EMANUEL, to-day, in his reply to the New-Year's congratulations of the military staff, said that the present situation of Italian affairs was good, but that if the present amicable situation should become clouded, and trouble should in the future appear to be imminent, he should confidently rely upon the loyalty and patriotism of the army to sustain him in maintaining peace and the national honor.

GREAT BRITAIN.

The Contemplated Yacht Race—Mr. Ashbury to Bring His Yacht Across the Atlantic.

LONDON, Friday, Jan. 1.

Mr. ASHBURY, in his note to Messrs. BENNETT and SCHERIER, of New-York, relative to the proposed yacht race, after objecting to the tonnage of the *Dauntless*, says he will race the *Phantom* across the Atlantic. He will go in any event, and thus give the *Sappho* and other English yachts a chance to accept.

The Times to-day, in a leading editorial, denounces the projects of the Liberals for the abolition of Primogeniture, &c., and says that England is essentially aristocratic and conservative.

The directors of the bank of OVEREND, GURNEY & Co., which failed some time ago, and whose affairs have been in process of liquidation, have been arrested and held to bail on a charge of fraud in the management of its affairs.

CORK, Friday, Jan. 1.

There was a large Fenian demonstration here to-day, at which Mr. O'SULLIVAN made a strong speech.

THE EASTERN QUESTION.

Greece Continues the Arming of the National Troops.

CORFU, Friday, Jan. 1.

The Government of Greece is actively engaged in perfecting and completing the armament of the national troops.

EMANCIPATION.

Celebration in Boston of the Anniversary of the Emancipation of Slaves—Speeches by Wendell Phillips, Senator Wilson and Others.

BOSTON, Friday, Jan. 1.

The sixth anniversary of the emancipation of slaves was celebrated here to-day, regardless of the driving storm, by a parade of the Shaw Guards (colored) and a large gathering of the anti-slavery leaders at Tremont Temple. The morning session was opened by several speeches from speakers from this city and vicinity, and the exercises consisted mostly of congratulations to the colored people present. The Emancipation Proclamation was read by Mr. EMANUEL SULLIVAN, a colored graduate of Harvard. Miss HERRIETTA A. GRAY, a colored poetess from Cambridge, recited a Christmas poem, and Mrs. FRANCES E. W. HARPER a poem of Moses. Rev. ROWLAND CONNOR, Wm. WELLS BROWN and Rev. Wm. ALLEN were among the speakers.

The afternoon session at 5 o'clock was well attended, the audience consisting largely of white persons. The opening address was delivered by RICHARD J. GREENE, of Cambridge, who eulogized in an eloquent manner the old leaders of the Anti-Slavery Party.

SPEECH OF WENDELL PHILLIPS.

He was followed by WENDELL PHILLIPS, who began his address by stating that he had not come there to rejoice, for he was too fearful of the future. He argued that with the banks, corporations and Presidents, and one-half of the votes of the nation the white people could so effectually govern the blacks as they could had the question of suffrage never been agitated. He regarded the gift of the ballot to the black man, under the present circumstances, as a humbug. The negro can do nothing with the ballot until opportunity is given him to acquire wealth. Suffrage was a reality of no value to the blacks until they were protected in that right. He expected to see JEFF. DAVIS placed in the Senate Chamber of Congress before the adoption of measures calculated to give the negro his natural rights. The speaker referred to the war, and said that "ideas and guns should go together; but we had lost the opportunity of sending ideas into the South when we dallied at the end of the war. Now, we must wait for another generation to do the work we left undone. The speaker's strongest argument was, that although the negro had a legal and moral right to vote, yet he had no legal right to represent his people in Congress. He made some severe references in the course of Gen. GRANT, in "sitting still," as the speaker said, "when he might have used the army in protecting the colored people of the South from murder and robbery. If Gen. GRANT did prove a friend to the colored man, the speaker would throw his hat over the roof and catch it at the other side." He closed with an eloquent appeal to the people, asking them to throw aside everything else and work only for an amendment to the national Constitution. Concerning the struggle of the people in that end it might be accomplished. In doing this we must have such an amendment as would overlook the race and only see the man. He would have all men of men equal in every respect before the law, and leaving the race entirely out of the question, legislate for the man, be he Indian, negro or Chinaman. The speaker expected opposition from GRANT, but we must have a constitutional amendment, giving every human being equal rights, in spite of GRANT.

SPEECH OF SENATOR WILSON.

Hon. HENRY WILSON, on being introduced, took an opposite view of the condition of the country, and spoke of the wonders that had been performed for the black people in eight years. He said the congress were getting property, and had received for their share last year over $2,000,000. They were in the Legislatures, the Courts and offices of their respective States, and he believed that Congress would do it to its next session, under the authority of the fourteenth article of amendment, remedy the evils which had arisen in Georgia, and reinstate the blacks in the proper exercise of their rights. He stated that an amendment to the Constitution covering all the objections urged by Mr. PHILLIPS, was now before Congress, written by Mr. PHILLIPS' own hand, which he believed would receive the sanction of Congress, and that there were enough Republican Legislatures ready to adopt it and make it a law. As for Gen. GRANT, he believed that he was true to the cause. The General, elected on that issue, could not abandon the negro until every right and privilege was given him. Mr. WILSON closed with a glowing picture of what had been done by the nation, stating that Congress was always ahead of the people on questions of reform, and would move in those matters as soon as the people would sustain them.

The closing address was delivered by Rev. J. D. BUTLER, of Boston, who addressed the colored people, telling them that we had done a great deal for them, and now they must do much for themselves.

During the speeches the colored Shaw Guards entered the Temple with their band and were received with applause.

The evening session was opened by the singing of the John Brown Song by the audience, and the reading of extracts from anti-slavery speeches by Miss MOLINEUX.

Hon. THOMAS RUSSELL, of Boston, was the first speaker. He referred to the time when many of this audience were gathered together six years ago in the Temple to await the news that the slaves were declared free. He eloquently recited the history of Gen. GRANT bearing on emancipation, and claimed that Gen. GRANT was the great emancipator, as it was his opinion that urged on the proclamation of President LINCOLN. His speech created considerable enthusiasm.

A letter was read from Gen. BUTLER, expressing his regret that he could not be present and celebrate the occasion with them.

Mrs. FRANCES HARPER addressed the assemblage, reciting the events connected with her early life in the South, when her mother was a slave, and spoke in high terms of the kindness of the Northern people to the negroes, and briefly referred to the great changes which she had witnessed in Virginia, where she had addressed the colored people since the war.

Several other speeches were made; but, owing to the terrible storm, Rev. J. FREEMAN CLARK and Wm. LLOYD GARRISON, who were advertised to speak, were unable to reach the Temple, and the session was consequently short.

Consolidation of Railroad Lines from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

ST. LOUIS, Friday, Jan. 1.

The report that the Erie Railroad Company has leased the Ohio and Mississippi Railroad is denied. It is stated as a fact, however, that a consolidation of interests in a permanent through broad gauge line between the Atlantic Ocean and the Mississippi River has been effected, and the change of gauge on the Ohio and Mississippi Road has been stopped. A system of through trains for freight and passengers will at once be inaugurated, and a third rail will be laid from here to Odin, Ill., the intersection of the Ohio and Mississippi and Illinois Central Roads. It is also stated that the entire route between here and New-York will be furnished with double track.

Inauguration of the Mayor Elect of Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, Penn., Friday, Jan. 1.

DANIEL M. FOX, the newly elected Mayor, was inaugurated this afternoon. The oath of office was administered by Judge ALLISON, in presence of the City Councils. Mr. MCMICHAEL, the retiring Mayor, escorted his successor to the Mayor's Office, and put him in possession of the same. The contest for the office, on account of alleged frauds, is still pending before the Court.

Murder Trial in Philadelphia.—A Verdict of Guilty.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, Jan. 1.

The jury in the Twitchell case went out about 9 o'clock this evening and returned in twenty-five minutes with a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree. The prisoner received the verdict by throwing up his hands in a degrecating manner.

The Broadhead Murder Trial at Stroudsburg, Penn.

STROUDSBURG, Penn., Friday, Jan. 1.

The Broadhead murder trial was closed last night after the argument of counsel. The prisoners have held up their heads through the whole trial with boldness, but there is little doubt as to their guilt.

No Official Report Received of the Latest Indian Fight.

ST. LOUIS, Friday, Jan. 1.

No information has been received at Gen. SHERMAN's headquarters in regard to the reported battle with the Indians.

Fire in Greenfield, Mass.—Loss $80,000.

GREENFIELD, Mass., Friday, Jan. 1.

GUNN & ANDOS's extensive hit-stock manufactory, in this town, was burned last night. The loss was $80,000.

Ill-Treatment of Boys on Shipboard.

A dispatch from San Francisco, a few days ago, stated that the first and second mates of the ship *Sunse* had been sentenced to State Prison for two years for ill-treatment of apprentice boys on the voyage from this City to San Francisco. The San Francisco *Call* of the 18th of December gives the following account of the trial of the first mate:

"Several days ago we gave an account of how the first officer of an American ship had, on a three days' passage from New-York to this port. Yesterday the offender was brought to trial before Judge HOFFMAN, in the United States District Court. The accused was J. W. CAUSLAND, chief officer of the American ship *Sunse*, and three indictments were presented against him by the United States Grand Jury. The first case tried was where GEORGE GOLDING, a boy between 17 and 18 years of age, was the complainant. He testified that he was whipped several times during the voyage—probably forty times; that the defendant frequently compelled him to drink salt water, and upon one occasion he forced him to eat a piece of tarred rope as long as a man's tongue. It made him very sick, causing him to vomit and strain a great deal. He had to drink salt water a number of times, and each time that it was forced upon him the mate declared that it 'would strengthen his lungs' and 'give the ship a good name.' Before the prosecution had introduced all their evidence, the accused withdrew his plea of not guilty and pleaded guilty to the charge. The second indictment was then read and evidence to substantiate its allegations introduced. ISAAC BOWERS, the complainant, is perhaps eighteen years of age. He is not a very bright boy. He had been put from New-York only a few days when the mate began to maltreat him, frequently striking him with a rope's-end because he could not remember the name of the ropes. Sometimes he would make him draw a bucket of water from the sea and drink of it until he could hold no more. On one occasion he compelled him to drink four gallons—almost a gallon—it puffed out his stomach until it looked like a toad's. He was very sick afterward, but received no pity from either of the mates. He was kept sawing wood for a month, and was struck once with a heavy piece of wood. The steward said that he had been going to use for chirping years and had never seen anybody so badly treated as the deceased treated the boys. He went to the master and told him that it must be stopped, and the second mate was forbidden to fog or maltreat the boys, but the prisoner continued to do so whenever he felt like it—which was very often. The Court said that he had never heard of such outrages. The prisoner's counsel, MANCHESTER, thought that compelling the boys to eat tobacco was not exactly right, but did not deem drinking salt water cruelty. The jury, however, thought differently, and rendered a verdict of 'guilty.' There is still another case to dispose of."

Chinese Testimony Ruled Out in San Francisco.

From the San Francisco Bulletin, Dec. 18.

Several days since a soldier named CUNNINGHAM was arrested for stabbing a Chinaman. He was brought before Judge PRUNETT for examination, and the wounded Chinaman was offered as a witness against him. To this the prisoner's counsel objected, and, the Court expressing a wish to hear argument on the matter, the case was continued. Yesterday afternoon the question of the competency of this testimony was argued at length by LOUGHBACK for the prosecution, and HACK MONTGOMERY for the defence. The former contended that under the Fourteenth Amendment to the Federal Constitution and Civil Rights bill all persons, regardless of race or color, and not otherwise disqualified, are competent witnesses and entitled to the same rights and privileges in Courts of justice. The case was finally taken under advisement, and this morning Judge PRUNETT rendered his decision excluding the Chinese witnesses. He held that the Constitutional Amendment refers only to citizens, and was not intended to interfere with or abrogate any of the rules of evidence established by the laws of the States. Chinamen are not citizens, and consequently the law of the State governing their evidence in cases where white men are parties must be considered in full force. As the present case depends on white men's testimony alone, it was continued for further examination.

HORRIBLE TRAGEDY.

Murder and Suicide in Cincinnati—A Man Kills his Wife and Slopes Out His Brains.

From the Cincinnati Commercial, Dec. 31.

About 2 o'clock yesterday morning the shrieks of a woman rung out rousing the ears of two policemen, patrolling their beat on Central-avenue, from Everett to Wade street. The screams continued for several seconds, and then died away to half-suppressed moanings and gurglings, low and labored; but still loud and distinct enough to indicate to the watchmen their proper course. Raps for help were given, and answered by the Policemen on the street, and, in a short time a little group of excited persons gathered around a little frame on Central-avenue, No. 576. The policemen halted at the fastened door to learn the cause of the outcry, and, while they were waiting and listening, the air was shaken by the discharge of a gun. The policemen shouted to the people in the house adjoining, and questioned them concerning their neighbors. One woman replied that the occupants of the little frame house had been quarreling for the last hour, and that she feared old Mr. ABRACH had killed his wife. She was told to bring down a light, and did so. An entrance into the house through the front door being impossible, the men forced their way into the cellar, through its insecure covering, and passed into the rear yard. They found the back door unlocked, and made their way through it into the house. On ascending to the second floor, and looking into the front room, they shrank back in horror. The room was in wild disorder, and gave evidence that a desperate death-struggle had taken place.§ In the midst of this confusion lay stretched on the floor WILLIAM ABRACH, an old man of sixty-seven, and JOHNSTONA, his wife, a woman of 67. Both were dead. The body of the man lay on its back, and between a sofa and a marble-topped table. His head seemed shattered to pieces. The right side of his skull, from the jaw to the middle of the head, was gone, and with the brain fully revealed and the remnant of the tongue hanging out, a hideous spectacle was presented. A long, wide pool of blood extended from the head to the wall, and large clots of brain and gray hair were spattered on the sofa, table and all surrounding objects. By his side lay a discharged Springfield rifle, and on its trigger the great toe of his right foot was pressed—pressed so forcibly that it was with great difficulty that the toe was disengaged from the lock. This, then, was the result of the shot that had been heard. He had killed his wife, and then, overcome by remorse or the fear of the consequences that would surely attend his fearful crime, had blown his own brains out. The charge had entered his mouth, but the instant had not, evidently, been spent between his teeth, for a portion of the lower lip had been shot away. The charge from the gun had passed clear through his head, and fourteen or fifteen buckshot were lodged in the ceiling directly over the corpse.

Mrs. ABRACH lay beside her husband, on her right side. Her head was frightfully mashed and gashed, as if it had been first cut with the sharp edge of a hatchet, and then beaten with some blunt and very heavy instrument. This was, without doubt, the case, as a bloody hatchet was found a few feet from her head. Another wound—a mortal stab in the breast—was apparent, and the blood was flowing from it and the gashes of the head in two great, copious streams, that saturated the carpet all around her. This last stab, which was about four inches in depth, is supposed to have caused instant death. The weapon with which this had been administered—a butcher-knife—was found lying on a table. The wound on the head would have allowed her to live, perhaps, an hour. The visage of the poor woman had undergone the most frightful contortions. The brows were compressed, and the flesh of the forehead drawn into hard knots; one eye was closed as if in pain, and the other was wide open, glassy and staring. She was partially undressed.

The policemen notified the officers in charge of the Dennom-street Station-house, and the house was given into the charge of Mr. F. MILLER, Constable of the Tenth Ward. The Coroner was summoned, and, about 9 o'clock, impanelled a jury, who examined the bodies and adjourned the inquest, for the purpose of hearing the testimony of witnesses, to 4:30 o'clock P. M.

ABRACH was a German by birth, a shoe maker. His wife was

INDIANA.

The Vigilance Committee Excitement in Southern Indiana—The Regulators Defy the Authorities—Mrs. Clem and Her New Trial—Additional Evidence in the Young Case—The Great Railroad Case.

From Our Own Correspondent.

LAFAYETTE, Ind., Monday, Dec. 28, 1868.

The excitement in regard to the Seymour Regulators continues to be as intense as ever in the Counties of Floyd and Jackson, and all over a very large part of Southern Indiana. The deputies of the Sheriff of Floyd County, despite their most strenuous efforts, have up to this time not succeeded in making any arrests, there prevailing in and around Seymour, so far as the Regulators are concerned, a perfect reign of terror, in consequence of which no one dares to give any evidence that might lead to the detection of the ringleaders. As for the Regulators themselves, who, at first, were completely cowed by the loud execrations, which resounded from all quarters as soon as the news of the New-Albany outrage was flashed over the wires, they have been much emboldened by the prospect that their crime will meet with no punishment whatever; and not only have they sent copies of their famous "warning" to the men whom they believed to be sympathisers of the murdered REXO boys and their confederates, but they have also conveyed written or oral threats to all parties in Jackson County who might be called upon to testify against them in the investigation by the Grand Jury of Floyd County. I understand that, owing to the inability of the authorities to obtain any satisfactory evidence against the Regulators by an open and public examination, the whole matter has been intrusted to a number of skillful detectives, who will "work up" the case with due secrecy, and, when they have obtained sufficient evidence, proceed to the arrest of the guilty parties, supported by a sufficient force which the Governor of the State will place at their disposal.

THE STATE EXECUTIVE AND THE VIGILANCE COMMITTEE.

Surprise and dissatisfaction have been expressed by a great many of our citizens, that the Governor of Indiana should not have immediately, upon hearing of the murders committed by the Jackson County Vigilance Committee at New-Albany, taken the necessary steps to bring about the apprehension of the offenders, and the punishment of their bold violation of our laws. Gov. BAKER, I have been informed, has been in constant correspondence with the Sheriffs of the counties infested by these Regulators, and offered them as much assistance as they need for the apprehension of the guilty parties. Upon mature reflection, however, and in consideration of the peculiar state of affairs prevailing in Jackson County, it has been deemed prudent to delay interference on the part of the State Executive until sufficient evidence has been obtained for identifying the leaders of the lawless organization styling itself "The Vigilance Committee of Jackson County."

THE LEADER OF THE REGULATORS.

The masked fellow who commanded the seventy Regulators at the time of the New-Albany murders, and on whose right forefinger a valuable diamond ring was noticed by the Sheriff and his deputies, is said to be a well-known ex-officer of one of the first Indiana volunteer regiments that took the field in the early part of the war, and to have conducted himself so shamefully in the service as to necessitate his ignominious dismissal from the army. Since the close of the war this individual has led the life of a gambler and *chevalier d'industrie*, and taken a leading part in some of the lynching affairs by which Southern Indiana has been disgraced for the past three or four years. It is thought that he left the State a few days after ANDERSON and the REXO boys had been hung at New-Albany.

MRS. CLEM.

Aside from the Vigilance Committee excitement, the trial of Mrs. CLEM in Indianapolis, which has become a *cause célèbre* in the criminal annals of this State, has riveted a large share of the attention of our population; and the unsatisfactory result of her first trial—the jury having been discharged after long and fruitless efforts to agree—has by no means lessened the interest which this tragic and mysterious affair has excited in all parts of Indiana. The New-York TIMES has laid before its readers such full reports of the murder of JACOB YOUNG and his wife, at Cold Spring, in the environs of Indianapolis, on the 12th of September, 1868, that I need not repeat here any of the details of that terrible crime, which Mrs. CLEM and two men, named HARTMANN and ADRIANS, are accused of having committed. Mrs. CLEM, a comely young married lady, is a perfect psychological enigma. She cannot even write, and, to the casual observer, seems not possessed of a great deal of intelligence, shrewdness and energy; and yet she was selected as business manager by the secret league of bad men, who are known to have had, for several years past, their headquarters at Indianapolis, and to have largely engaged in illegitimate transactions. During the whole of her trial, which extended for seventeen long days, and which must have been a terrible strain upon the strongest of nerves, she never lost her calmness and composure for a single moment. She never displayed even the slightest agitation or nervousness, but, to all appearance, was more unconcerned and indifferent than any of the ladies who were present in the audience. Once only, during the impassioned appeal which her counsel made to the jury, she shed a few tears; but a moment or two afterward, when taken into the ante-room, she burst into a fit of laughter, although the tears were still on her cheeks. Nobody believes that she is innocent, and the result of her trial, although, perhaps, in accordance with the evidence, has greatly disappointed the public. Since the close of the proceedings in her case before the Criminal Court in Indianapolis, the prosecuting attorney is said to have obtained additional evidence against her that will render it very difficult for her to escape conviction at her second trial, which will come off at the beginning of February next. It is reported that the gun with which YOUNG and his poor wife were shot, and the new shoes which Mrs. CLEM wore at the time the murder was committed, have been found secreted at the place where the corpses of the YOUNGS were discovered on the morning of the 13th of September. It is said, furthermore, that ADRIANS, one of the two men indicted with Mrs. CLEM, has signified his intention to confess everything on certain conditions, which, if I am correctly informed, have not yet been accepted. Owing to the conviction entertained by the public, that more light will be thrown on the whole mysterious affair, and that additional disclosures concerning the influential and hitherto unknown accomplices of Mrs. CLEM in her secret money transactions, will be made at the new trial, it is looked forward to with still more intense interest than her former trial was. Owing to the excitement prevailing in Indianapolis, the new trial of Mrs. CLEM will be held in one of the neighboring counties, or at Indianapolis before a jury composed of citizens from adjoining counties. Inasmuch as most of the 150 witnesses who will be called upon to testify in the case, live in Indianapolis, and as the State does not pay their traveling expenses, it is thought the new Legislature, which will meet in the course of a few weeks, will pass a special bill empowering the Judge of the Criminal Court of Marion County to try Mrs. CLEM at Indianapolis, before a jury composed of citizens from adjoining counties.

THE GREAT RAILROAD CASE.

The great Lafayette and Indianapolis Railroad case, in which WM. F. REYNOLDS, formerly President of the Lafayette and Indianapolis Railroad, is the defendant, and in which the plaintiffs charge him with having withheld from the other stockholders of the road very large sums of money, earned by the road, and amounting altogether to upward of a million of dollars, was brought up for trial last week in the White County Circuit Court; but Mr. REYNOLDS succeeded again in getting the trial postponed by swearing to an affidavit that he believed he could not look for a fair trial at the hands of Judge TRAX. W. C.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Charleston Mercury Defunct—Air-Line Railroad—Christmas Festivities—The Cold—Trade Stricker than Before—Celebration of Emancipation Day—Secret Political Societies and their Oaths.

From Our Own Correspondent.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Sunday, Dec. 27, 1868.

One of the most significant signs of the times, and in the main one of the most hopeful, is the suspension of the Charleston *Mercury*—for many years the exponent of the extremism in South Carolina. By extremists I mean those politicians who persist in applying the obsolete standards of a dead past to the questions of a new and progressive present; those who push conservatism to its vicious extreme of stagnant dogmatism; those Bourbons whom no experience can teach. For many years—twenty or more, I believe—this organ of a now past regime has held sway in this State, and wielded a large influence throughout the South. During the war it still survived, was still sustained, fighting though it always was, year some past issue. Since the war it raised the same standard, and waved it persistently, but with diminishing power, for its cause was dying out gradually, and its day was dying out. New thoughts possessed our people, and new issues arose; but this Nestor of an anti-peruke generation still spoke with enthusiasm of traditions that had well-nigh passed from the memories of to-day—this dying Sir John still "babbled of green fields." The significance of this suspension of the *Mercury* is that its cause lies in the moribund condition in which its party now is. The noticeable of the occurrence lies in the assurance that this death of right conservatism means life to the incoming party of progress and action. Our Southern people are going to work—are throwing to the dogs the theories of the Bourbons who have ruled public opinion for so many years with such an iron hand. There may be dinner in this new tendency; but I am recording facts, not demonstrating truths.

THE AIR-LINE RAILROAD.

I have heretofore described the aim, extent and use of this Air-Line Railroad between Atlanta, Ga., and Charlotte, N. C. It is to make direct the great route from the Gulf States and New-York. The road is, as I mentioned recently, in such degree of progress to an actual existence that its advantages may be estimated somewhat in detail. The distance from Atlanta to New-York by the proposed route will be 817 miles; and at an average speed of 17½ miles an hour, will make the time between the two points less than 47 hours. At an average speed of 20 miles an hour, (which is not uncommon on many of the Northern roads,) the time between the two points will be a very small fraction over 40 hours. A speed of 25 miles an hour—said by a writer who seems to have carefully prepared the subject, to be attainable over this route—will give a time of less than 33 hours. The present time between these points (New-York and Atlanta) is at least 60 hours by the angular routes now running through Georgia, South Carolina, and North Carolina.

CHRISTMAS.

The festivities of this anniversary were very quiet in general. There was some parading on the streets by gay and festive youths of both colors; and the young bloods of African nationality had a gander-pulling. The scene of this sport was in the suburbs of the town. The results were noteworthy in no way that I know of, except that one adventurous equestrian was seriously bruised by a fall from his horse; and another, more unlucky still, accidentally blew his own brains out with a pistol, about the use of which he knew nothing. The streets in the afternoon were rather noisy with drunken negroes, who, when they do make merry, usually do so in boisterous and rowdy style; but there were few breaches of the peace. That is not the negro's style. He wants peace. The whites have, to a great extent—greater than ever before—resided the streets to the negroes; and these, if let alone, usually drink all they can get in any way, curse, shout, sing, damn everything, and finally fall to sleep on the sunny side of someabence or byway, and thus ends Guffee's jubilation.

THE COLD.

The thermometer, two days ago, reported 9½° Fahrenheit—as low as we have had in this latitude and this elevation for many (perhaps ten) years. Once in fifty years it may fall as low as zero; but I have never known that to occur. It probably occurred in 1835. In 1838 the thermometer fell as low as 4° above zero. The minimum of temperature of this place may be safely put at 10° above zero. As to the maximum there is less chance of agreeing. Sensational telegrams report, some July and August days, a temperature of over a hundred degrees; but I have made inquiry of the most careful scientific men, and the best informed of these tell me that the thermometer hardly ever, if ever, shows a heat at any time above 96°. So that our range of temperature is between 10° and 96°—that is 86°. New-York City probably goes as high, and certainly goes twenty degrees lower.

TRADE IN COLUMBIA.

Another evidence of reviving business in this State is the briskness of the selling business in this city. I have it from quite a number of the leading merchants—and it has been confirmed by collateral facts—that for three days (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday) just before Christmas they sold more goods than they have done in any other three days since the war. This increase in trade has been so marked in some instances as to amount to nearly double their former highest sales. The articles thus in greater demand are the substantials—dry goods, especially cloths, clothings, groceries and provisions, largely sugar and coffee, and farm-supplies, such as utensils and seeds.

EMANCIPATION DAY.

The negroes of this city and county are making preliminary arrangements to celebrate New-Year's Day—the anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation of President LINCOLN—in this city. Notices are already issued to "all the male societies in Richmond County." From this notice we gather some collateral points, among which is the existence, still kept up, of

SECRET POLITICAL SOCIETIES

in this State, composed exclusively of negroes. I say secret, because no proceedings are ever published which disclose their workings or their aims, and no inquiries of mine have ever been sufficient to elicit these points from the members. I say exclusively of negroes, because the object just now in view—this celebration of Emancipation Day—does not embrace the whites who live here. Another suggestive fact, in this direction, recently came out in a trial before one of our State Courts of justice here in Columbia. It is this: In the course of the trial it became desirable, on the part of the defense, to invalidate the testimony of a negro witness, and another negro witness was asked if he would believe the former upon oath. The reply was "No," and the reason given was that the former had once belonged to a Union League and had quit it, "and," continued this still loyal Union Leaguer, "I cannot believe any man who breaks such an oath as that which we swear when we join the Union League." I give the substance, not the language, of the statement upon the stand, as I learned it. What such an oath may mean, white men have at least liberty enough to conjecture. BOZE.

Fire in Chicago—Two Boys Killed by Jumping From a Fifth-Story Window.

From the Chicago Post, Dec. 29.

About 6 o'clock this morning, Mr. ALMOND NICHOLS, who keeps a boarding-house at No. 46 Franklin-street, using the third, fourth and fifth stories, arose and proceeded to ignite a fire in the kitchen, which is on the third floor and adjoining his sleeping apartment. The kindling being too large the fire did not burn, and Mr. NICHOLS took a quart kerosene can and poured a quantity of the fluid into the stove, upon the smouldering embers. A quick fire was the result, and the can was replaced in a pantry in the hall, opposite the bedroom. Returning to the latter place, the wife of Mr. NICHOLS observed that the fire made an unusual crackling, and on looking down at the aperture between the door and threshold, observed a bright flame. Mr. NICHOLS opened the door opposite the pantry, and discovered the hall to be entirely filled with flames. He at once gave the alarm, and Mr. E. G. BIRCHARD and himself at once hurried to the kitchen, which was not on fire, and taking a pail and tub of water threw it on the flames in the hall, but to no effect. They then quite forcibly thrust by the door of an adjoining bedroom.

The flames ran along the hall of the third story, and up the staircase to the fourth and fifth stories. At this latter story the young men named WALLACE and ADAMS, and three boarders with Mr. NICHOLS, were aroused from their sleep, and they risked the dangers of jumping from this fearful height to the pavement beneath. The necks of both the young men were broken, and the right arm of LOUIS fractured in two places, the severed end pushed through the flesh. The arm of WALLACE P. was also fractured.

The building was owned by SIMEON SOUTHWARD, who had insurance to the amount of $8,000 in JORDAN & CO.'s agency. The basement was occupied by Messrs. GROGRAN & UNDERWOOD as a bonded warehouse. Their loss will be only from water, and only nominal; as in the case of KAYSERMAN & SCHLEMMER, who occupied the first floor as a leather store. The insurance of this firm is $14,000, distributed in several companies. The second floor was occupied as a Jewish Synagogue, which will sustain a damage of $100; insured for $700 in the Market, of New-York. The remaining stories were occupied by Mr. NICHOLAS as a boarding-house. He has an insurance of $1,000 in the Home, of New-York, and loses about $1,500 worth of furniture.

VIRGINIA.

The Case of Sally Anderson—Why She was Released when Under Sentence of Death.

The telegraph has stated that SALLY ANDERSON was once more released from custody in Richmond, on Tuesday last, after having been rearrested by the Mayor. She had previously been discharged from prison, in consequence of Judge UNDERWOOD's decision that the Court by which she was tried and convicted was incompetent. The following letter from the Attorney of Henrico County, Va., to the Mayor of Richmond, explains fully the circumstances of the case:

HENRICO COURTS, Dec. 29, 1868.

George Chahoon, Esq., Mayor of the City of Richmond:

SIR: A copy of a communication of this date from you, addressed to GEORGE D. PERKINS, Esq., Presiding Justice of Henrico County, informing him that "SALLY ANDERSON would be released from confinement unless called for by the authorities of Henrico County by 12 M. to-morrow," has been, pursuant to your request, laid before me this morning. As the official adviser of the County Court of Henrico, and of its officers, it seems proper that I should briefly state, in the form of a reply to your communication, the reasons which have induced them and myself, up to this time, to make no demand upon you for said woman, and which still remain unaltered by anything which has transpired while she has been in your custody.

SALLY ANDERSON was in August last convicted, by the County Court of Henrico, of arson, and sentenced to death, and the execution of the sentence directed to be had on the 15th of January next. The Court and officers who tried her held their appointments under the laws of Virginia, and were exercising their several functions under the express authority and orders of the General commanding this military district. The proceedings in the case were regular and according to established usage, and, though the prisoner was defended by able counsel, no effort has been made to reverse the sentence by appeal to any other court.

In this condition of affairs the prisoner applied to Judge UNDERWOOD for a writ of habeas corpus, upon the ground that the Court was not a legally constituted tribunal, one of its members and the commonwealth's Attorney and clerk being alleged to be incapable of holding office under the provisions of the Fourteenth Amendment of the Constitution of the United States. Upon the hearing of this writ, Judge UNDERWOOD, sitting in the Circuit Court of the United States, discharged the accused from the custody of the Sheriff, sustaining the grounds taken in the petition.

He was asked by the Attorney-General, after his decision was pronounced, to remand the prisoner to the Sheriff of Henrico County, to be again tried upon the indictment which had been found as early as March last, and consequently before the adoption of the Constitutional amendment. This he declined to do, but gave her an unqualified discharge; and the Sheriff was, in consequence, compelled to abandon her custody. You have since caused her to be arrested as a prisoner charged with crime, and "the authorities of Henrico" are now notified that you will discharge her from your custody to-morrow, unless she be demanded by them.

If such a demand should be made it must be for one of the two purposes, either that she be remanded to jail as a condemned felon, to be executed on the day fixed by the Court, or as a person charged with the crime, whom it is proposed again to indict and again try.

It is obviously impossible for any authority in Henrico so take charge of her again, for the first of these purposes, without directly disobeying the order of Judge UNDERWOOD discharging her from a condemnation. The only object of which was to enable the officer to execute the sentence of the Court already pronounced.

If it were possible for her to be demanded for this purpose, I need not say that would be readily done. Can she be lawfully demanded by any Justice or other officer of Henrico for the other purpose, to wit: for the purpose of indictment and trial? Certainly not; unless, indeed, the former trial and sentence be in fact a nullity.

A prisoner once tried by a court having jurisdiction of the offence, and either convicted or acquitted, can never be tried again while that sentence remains unreversed. If, therefore, SALLY ANDERSON should be again examined by a Justice of Henrico, and again indicted and held for trial in the County Court of Henrico, the Justice who committed her, and the attorney for the commonwealth who caused her to be redindicted, must be prepared to maintain that her former sentence was invalid, null and void, and, in effect, that the Court of Hustings, again before another jury, the court that tried her will have so to decide.

In other words, the County Court of Henrico and its officers, must maintain that their former action was illegal and nugatory, and that the decision of Judge UNDERWOOD so declaring, was right. This, I am satisfied, the Court would never do. At all events, so far as I am concerned, I will never advise or aid in such a decision. Apart from any considerations of self-respect, such a decision by a State Court would be most disastrous in its consequences. It would be a declaration that not only this trial, but all other trials and all decisions rendered by that Court since the 28th of July, were unauthorized and void. Its effect, even if limited to this county, would be productive of most serious results.

If extended and applied to all the decisions of the various Courts of the State since the 28th of July, it would be difficult to estimate the amount of confusion and uncertainty which would result. A great number of criminals now under sentence have, undergoing their punishment in the penitentiary and jails of the State, would be forthwith released, and a deadly blow struck at the decisions of the Court, even in civil cases.

When compared with results like these, the question whether SALLY ANDERSON is to be not to suffer the punishment due to the offence she has committed, sinks into comparative insignificance. Certainly no one can more deeply deplore than myself her discharge without punishment. It is not for me to say upon whom the responsibility for such a result should properly rest. But I feel a strong confidence that with all fair minded men, both upon the court and its officers who, in the regular exercise of their functions under the laws of the State and the authority of the Commanding General, have already tried and sentenced her, because they decline to sanction the subversion of their own just authority by attempting to try her again.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

J. R. YOUNG,

Att'y of the Commonwealth for Henrico County.

EXECUTION IN CANADA.

Thomas Jones Hanged for the Murder of his Niece—He Protests his Innocence to the Last.

From the London (Ontario) Free Press, Dec. 30.

The execution of THOMAS JONES, for the murder of his niece, MARY JONES, took place yesterday morning shortly after 10 o'clock, and excited a great amount of interest in the community. THOMAS JONES was born in a rural district of Devonshire, England, of parents of low worldly condition, and never enjoyed any considerable educational advantages. About twenty years ago, he and his brothers, JAMES and HENRY, emigrated to Canada, and settled in the Township of Delaware, hiring out as farm laborers. By those with whom he came in contact he was ever regarded with feelings of dislike, on account of his morose and sullen disposition and violent temper. When by various pecuniary means he acquired sufficient funds to begin life on his own account, he rented a farm, and embarked also in the business of droving. About this time his character became pretty widely established in the township, and from thence dated the perpetration by him of a great number of offences, from acts of petty larceny to the horrible and unnatural crime which he yesterday expiated on the scaffold. It is well known that some drovers do not scruple to incorporate with their droves any likely cattle that may be straying by the wayside, and this conduct was frequently laid to the charge of THOMAS JONES. On two occasions, eight years ago, he was arrested on charges of this nature preferred by Indians of the Oneida settlement; but he managed to compound with his prosecutors, and so each time escaped punishment. A third time he was arrested for stabbing a man with a pitchfork, and from this charge he also escaped. Being thus scarcely to agree with any one, with his brothers he was always at war, and especially so since a land transaction between himself and JAMES in 1861. The bitterness of the feud grew in intensity until in the Winter preceding the murder, the dislike for one another grew so marked that an open rupture of a violent nature was expected by many in the neighborhood long before it occurred. In 1863-64, while the large bounties were offered by the Government of the United States for soldiers, JONES for some time followed the trade or a "bounty jumper," by which he acquired considerable means. He also enticed a number of the Oneida Indians to go with him to Detroit on some pretext, and on getting them there, drove signed them to the hands of the recruiting agents, and pocketed the money. His wilness, crafty and cunning always befriended him, and he often spent weeks secluded at home, when no one dreamt but that he was far away. It was during one of these visits that, in a deep disguise, he went to his brother JAMES' house and committed the robbery, in the act of which the murdered girl MARY HENRY JONES, daughter, detected him. Such are a few of the leading features of the life of THOMAS JONES, whose ignominous end we chronicle to-day.

JONES' surviving family numbers nine persons—his wife and eight children, the oldest of whom is a boy, Thomas, aged about 17 years, and the youngest an infant aged two months. The whole family of the children has been attended, especially by the sympathies of the public, in regard to the unfortunate position they occupy. The statement some expected would result in a confession of guilt, but only reiterates the previous assertions of the prisoner, namely, that he did not prompt the murder of MARY JONES, and that he did not know of it until 10:30 o'clock on the night it was committed; and only learned of it then from his accomplice, who afterwards led her from where the neighbors had all gone away. His persistent adherence to this position greatly perplexed the multitude, who ever believed him guilty. They doubted still, and predicted that the terrors of the scaffold would elicit from him that which all persuasion had failed to do—a confession of guilt. They were, however, mistaken.

The last hours of the culprit were, of course, fraught with the most solemn interest, being passed in almost uninterrupted intercourse with his spiritual advisers.

Throughout the night he was attended by Rev. Dr. COOPER, Mr. OATES and Mr. ROWLAND, and at 7 o'clock yesterday morning, Rev. Mr. SAVAGE returned, with others.

At 9:45 o'clock the Sheriff appeared in the corridor in official costume, and a bottle containing stimulant was offered to JONES, of which he partook. His two boys were again brought in to bid him a last farewell, and a scene ensued touching to the heart of every beholder. WILLIAM advanced with a half-smile upon his countenance, which seemed to be assumed in disdain of grief, and seizing the prisoner's hand inquired, "How are you, father?" to which no reply was made. JONES's emotion prevented his speaking; but shaking his father warmly by the hand, he gave way to tears. A few minutes' interval ensued, of bitter thought to some, of silent prayer to others, when JOHN said, "Well, father, good-bye; I'll meet ye in heaven." As the boys left the cell, a signal from the Sheriff directed a constable to either side of the prisoner, who signified his readiness to go. The procession of death, comprising about twenty persons, then proceeded by the Sheriff, Rev. Mr. SAVAGE, Mr. OATES, &c., moved forward, the prisoner walking very unsteadily, an effort doubtless traceable to the shackles so lately removed. As the party passed through the lower hall of the Court-house, a crowd assembled and formed in orderly lines, anxiously scanned the face of JONES to observe with what degree of fortitude he bore up. Not minding them, however, he walked on, now more steadily and erect, up the stairs to the right, and into the small ante-room adjoining the Court-room, and from the front window of which he was to step out on the fatal platform. As he stood for a moment in one corner, gazing around on the different persons present, his eyes for the first time rested on the hideous mask of the executioner.

The aspect of this individual was repulsive in the extreme. His body and head were enveloped in a smock and hood of black glazed linen, his face being covered by a capacious and closely-fitting mask, with long gray beard. He was a negro, as could be perceived by the color of his eyelids and eyes, which latter appeared quick, strong and penetrating, and wore a brutal expression. The sight of him caused JONES to shudder, and cast upon his knees. He exclaimed, "Oh, God, have mercy on me! Have mercy on my poor soul! O, God, have mercy on me!" In a moment afterward he was hustled out upon the scaffold, where, recovering himself he stood firmly and without any apparent emotion. This structure stood in the left-hand corner of the Court-house, facing the Square, occupying the precise spot where the last execution took place, during the rebellion of 1837. It was eight feet square, the platform on which the condemned man stood being sixteen feet from the ground. The space available was found quite too small to accommodate all those who sought a place on the scaffold, or pretended to have business there; so that a good deal of hustling took place, in which the prisoner suffered with the rest.

The crowd below numbered between 6,000 and 8,000, and comprised both sexes and all ages. They lined the sidewalk opposite, congregated in the streets, and thronged the Court-house Square. The assemblage was a motley one. Old men bending down with age; middle-aged men of a respectable class, holding up their children; young lads of tender years; aged dames and youthful maidens, all congregated in one indiscriminate horde of humanity, with faces upturned to the coming horror. The immediate vicinity of the scaffold contained hundreds. A large number had come from remote parts of the township of Delaware. Mr. HERRIMAN, the Evangelist, shocked at their lack of true womanly instinct, advised them all to go home and hang their heads in shame.

Service on the scaffold commenced by Mr. J. Carman reading a hymn from the New Testament. As this was concluded, Rev. Mr. SAVAGE offered up an earnest prayer for the soul of the doomed man—and afterward addressed a few words of comfort to him, and repeated cheering passages of Scripture, to all of which JONES listened attentively. Those present on the scaffold then united in singing the hymn commencing "Jesus, lover of my soul." Rev. Mr. COOPER, who turned to JONES and inquired "Have you anything to say to the people?"

The culprit replied to Mr. COOPER, "Yes, I and then addressed to the people the following:

"Now, I call on my name as THOMAS JONES, and I say I never did give one word, good, bad or indifferent, to my daughter ELIZABETH to cause the death of MARY JONES. I say myself she was dead three or four hours before I knowed a word about it. Good-bye, brothers and sisters. Don't think the worse of me for him. I shall hope to meet you all in heaven, through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. I don't tread on no man's bed, for I have no right to tread, I never did have. May God have mercy on me now."

These words were delivered with astonishing firmness, more indeed than ever JONES received credit for possessing. As "I have no guilt to feel," the speaker elevated his voice almost into a shriek, and concluded with a deep and a shock distinct. As he concluded he slightly turned his head and caught a glimpse of DAVID KICK as he disappeared into the ante-room, and called after him, saying, "DAV, I want to shake hands with you," and having bidden good-bye, a smile of joy lighting his countenance, he said to the reporters and others on the scaffold, "Read how he me shaken hands with you all once more." A few seconds of delay ensued, when the executioner advanced upon the scaffold and quickly adjusted the noose on JONES' neck, placing on his head a white cap. All now left the scaffold. The executioner having returned to the room, seized the end of the rope connecting with the rope noose, and, with a powerful jerk, threw the body up and with one jerk of the rope the trap sunk. Death was pronounced by Dr. HOARE, the jail physician, to have been almost instantaneous, although the adjustment of the rope was not of that peculiar kind judged to be productive of least pain, and which one would look for from a professional executioner. In half an hour the body was taken down and interred within the precincts of the jail. It is usual, we believe, to deliver the body of an executed criminal over to its friends, on being claimed. In this instance, the surviving relatives have permitted themselves to be relieved of all responsibility in the matter, and allowed the Sheriff to make such disposition of the body as he thought proper.

Railroad Matters in California.

From the San Francisco Bulletin, Dec. 1.

The open Winter has been exceedingly favorable to railroad enterprises in this State and in Nevada. The Central Pacific Company has been enabled to push forward materials and supplies, and to continue grading and track-laying, without the slightest interruption. Its road is now completed nearly 440 miles east of Sacramento, leaving a little over 200 miles of track to be laid to reach the head of Salt Lake, and much of the grading for that space is finished or well under way. The new mineral discoveries in Nevada will much increase the traffic on this road through California and Nevada; indeed, the way business generally on both ends of the Pacific Railroad has exceeded all expectations for so early a period. It is certain to be alone sufficient to justify the work, and must ultimately demand a double track, as the territories of the middle continent are populated and developed. The addition of the through business from the East or West will make an immense traffic, in anticipation of which the construction of the Southern Pacific Railway will be pushed, within a year or two, with the requisite energy.

There are some signs of activity on the Western Pacific Railroad, from Sacramento to Oakland. Application was made to the Labor Exchange yesterday for 300 laborers to work on the grade as Livermore Pass. Meanwhile the California Pacific, *viâ* Vallejo, has reached Sacramento, and the passenger traffic over it is said to average 100 a day either way, and to be steadily increasing. Real estate values have been considerably enhanced along its route, and the agricultural interests of the adjoining counties have been invigorated wonderfully. A larger area of wheat than ever will be sown, on account of the greatly diminished cost of transport. The connection with the San Joaquin Valley railroad is progressing slowly, but nothing is done to a profitable extent. The extension to Marysville is expected to be commenced by the middle of next Summer. Marysville will soon have railway communication with Sacramento on the east side of the valley, through the Central and Yuba lines. When the bridge now building over the Yuba River shall have been finished, the cars will run from Sacramento to Oroville direct.

The Southern Pacific Railroad is graded from San Jose to Gilroy. Ten miles of track are laid, and the first section of sixty miles will be completed within two months. Six miles of track have been laid on the Los Angeles and Wilmington Railroad.

FOREIGN POSTAGE.

The New Rates of Postage Between the United States and Great Britain.

The new postal convention recently concluded between the United States and Great Britain went into operation yesterday, (Jan. 1.) It establishes the following rates of international postage, viz.: 1. Letters—Twelve cents per single rate of half ounce in the United States, and twelve cents in the United Kingdom, prepayment optional. A fine of five cents in the United States and four cents in the United Kingdom, will, however, be levied and collected in addition to the deficient postage on each unpaid or insufficiently prepaid letter received by one country from the other. 2. Newspapers—Two cents each in the United States, and one penny each in the United Kingdom, for each weight of four ounces or weight. 3. Book-packets—(including printed papers of all kinds, &c.,) and patterns or samples of merchandise, (including seeds and grain,) when not exceeding one ounce in weight, two cents in the United States and one penny in the United Kingdom. When exceeding one ounce, and not exceeding two ounces in weight, four cents in the United States and two pence in the United Kingdom. When exceeding two ounces and not exceeding four ounces, six cents in the United States and three pence in the United Kingdom. When exceeding four ounces in weight an additional rate of six cents in the United States and three pence in the United Kingdom will be charged for every additional four ounces, or fraction thereof.

The postage chargeable on above upon all articles of a printed nature, including patterns and samples of merchandise, must be prepaid in full at the postage office in either country, and is in full to destination; the receiving country delivering the same in all cases without any charge whatever.

Fees on Registered Letters.—On domestic letters to any part of the United States or Territories, and to Panama, Nova-Scotia, or and after the first of January, to Canada, the fee is fifteen cents.

Letters and other postal packages can be sent registered to the following-named countries on prepayment of a registration fee of eight cents in addition to the other rates of postage chargeable thereon, viz.: England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Belgium, the Netherlands, France, (including all the German States,) Austria, Italy, Prussia.

Letters and other postal packages can be sent registered in the mail, via England, to any of the following-named places, on prepayment of a registration fee of sixteen cents, in addition to the established rates of ordinary postage, viz.: Cape of Good Hope, Ceylon, Constantinople, East Indies, Egypt, viz.: Alexandria, Cairo, Suez, Egypt, Malta, Atlantic Islands, Gibraltar, Gold Coast, Hong Kong, Java, Lagos, Liberia, Mauritius, Natal, New South Wales, Queensland, St. Helena, Sierra Leone, South Australia, Tasmania, Victoria, Western Australia.

Letters *only* may be sent registered in the mail, via the North German Union, to any of the following-named places, on prepayment of a registration fee of eight cents, in addition to the established rates of ordinary postage: Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Russia, Greece, Moldavia, Wallachia, Turkey, (except Alexandretta, Latakiah, Mersina, Beirut and Tripoli.)

Letters only may be sent registered in the mail, via the North German Union, to any of the Italian States, on prepayment of a registration fee of twelve cents per each fifteen grammes (half ounce) weight, and to Egypt on prepayment of a registration fee of twenty cents per letter, in addition to the established rates of ordinary postage chargeable on such letters.

Letters only may be sent registered to Canada, Nova-Scotia, New-Brunswick, or Prince Edward's Island, on prepayment of a registration fee of five cents, in addition to the established rates of international postage chargeable thereon.

The registration fee is in all cases to be paid in postage stamps, the same to be attached to the letter and canceled at the mailing office.

THE INDIANS.

Letters Received by Gen. Sherman from Gens. Sheridan and Hazen.

From the St. Louis Republican, Dec. 30.

Gen. SHERMAN is in receipt of a number of letters from the 24 to the 7th inclusive, giving various accounts from Indian sources of Gen. CUSTER's fight on the 27th of November last. These all substantially agree with the accounts heretofore published. Gen. HAZEN says since the fight he has had no trouble whatever in distinguishing between the friendly and hostile Indians. He pronounces all Comanches and the Arapahoes to be hostiles; Kiowas, divided half and half; Comanches, all or nearly all friendly. The Apaches, Kiobies, Caddoes, Wichitaws and affiliated bands, some 2,000 in all, are clustered round about Fort Cobb and claiming the protection of the United States. The hostile have separated from the friendly tribes and gone over to the head of the North Fork of the Red River, near the mouth of the Sweetwater. They number 400 warriors.

Gen. SHERMAN is also in receipt of letters from Gen. SHERIDAN, who fixed Dec. 7 as the date for leaving Camp Supply on the Upper Canadian for Camp Cobb, and the probabilities were that within three to five days from that date he would be in communication with Gen. HAZEN and be enabled to strike the hostile Indians without interfering with those who are friendly and have sought his protection.

A Kiowa just in from the peaceful camp reported Satanta, at the head of the Kiowas, as not having gone to the hostile camp.

Gen. SHERMAN states that Satanta is regarded as one of the most hostile of the Indians on the Plains, and is one of the most treacherous. He believes lasting peace cannot be secured while Satanta and Bull Bear are at large, and his order, that these two, among other chiefs, Indians, shall be killed, or if captured imprisoned at Fort Gibson. The Indians give conflicting accounts to Gen. HAZEN of Gen. CUSTER's fight.

Information has been received by Gen. SHERMAN from opposite points of a circle. Gen. HAZEN is at Fort Cobb and Gen. SHERIDAN is in Western Kansas, fifty miles west of Fort Dodge. Gen. HAZEN's information is communicated by way of Fort Gibson, Fort Scott and Kansas City, while Gen. SHERIDAN's information comes from an opposite direction, by Fort Dodge, Fort Hays and the Pacific Railroad. Letters from both Gen. HAZEN and Gen. SHERIDAN of the same date, Dec. 7, are among those received.

Brutal Wife-Murder in Chicago.

From the Chicago Tribune, Dec. 30.

A wife-murder was committed early yesterday morning, in the extreme western outskirts of the city. Living in a little hut, near Western-avenue, in the town of Cicero, was an Irish couple, JOHN FOGARTY and his wife ELLEN. The husband employed his time in various small ways for farmers about him, and occasionally came into the city with produce to sell for his employers. He was known in the neighborhood as a man much addicted to drink, and because of this habit frequently found himself out of work. His wife was often the scene of family broils, in which he used to vent his wrath when intoxicated, and the screams of his wife and children could be heard for a mile or more over the prairie. After an assault, which occurred a few days ago, his wife quietly prepared to move from the house with the purpose of separating from her abusive and dangerous husband. Her husband, learning him early yesterday morning, openly expressed in his presence and before several of their children, aroused his cowardly nature, and he attacked her with an iron instrument, felling her to the floor with a stroke. He continued to beat her about the head and body, and finally was forcibly removed by some one who happened to be passing. The woman died not long after, never regaining consciousness, and never have survived her terrible injuries for more than a few minutes. The report of the tragic occurrence spread from house to house and attracted a large number of persons to the spot. The woman was found dead upon the first arrival of neighbors, and FOGARTY was at once securely bound, brought into the city and taken to the Union-park Sub-Police Station. The Coroner was duly notified and repaired to the house, and held an inquest over the remains. After hearing the testimony, the jury rendered a verdict that deceased had come to her "death from blows received at the hands of JOHN FOGARTY, with an instrument unknown." The Coroner thereupon issued a warrant for FOGARTY's arrest, and he was taken to the County Jail, there to await trial.

Two Young Kentuckians Kill Each Other.

From the Louisville Democrat, Dec. 29.

We learn from a gentleman who arrived in the city yesterday from Sharpsburg, in this State, that a horrible tragedy was enacted in that little town on Christmas Eve. Two young men, named JOSHUA SHARP, son of Dr. WM. SHARP, and RICHARD TAYLOR, got into a difficulty in a bar-room between 11 and 12 o'clock on Thursday night, after which they went out and consumed the quarrel, the parties being on opposite sides of the street. The young men fired at each other, the first round missing on one side, and the cap of the pistol snapping on the other. In the second fire, which was simultaneous, both of the young men dropped dead, one shot through the head and the other through the heart. We were unable to learn the origin of the difficulty, or any further particulars of the tragic affair.

The Ohio River Disaster—Insurance on the Steamship.

From the Louisville Democrat, Dec. 29.

Nineteen insurance companies were represented at a meeting held in Cincinnati a few days ago, with reference to the adjustment of the losses upon the steamers *United States* and *America*. A great diversity of views was expressed as to the liability of the underwriters for the loss sustained, and, failing to agree among themselves, they referred the matter to the following able legal gentlemen: Messrs. STANLEY MATTHEWS, GIBSON and HO

brother in New-York City, and grandson of one of high reputation, died in Troy, N. Y., aged 81 years.

[illegible]—MAJOR-GEN. GEORGE A. GORHAM, U. S. A., an active officer in the Mexican and the early part of the late war, died at Westchester, Penn., aged 66 years.

[illegible]—Thomas Sullivan, for many years a prominent Catholic publisher and seller, and benevolent citizen of Washington, D. C., died in Rome, Italy, aged 71 years.

[illegible]—Kinzer, Capt. and Brevet Major-Gen. James E., a publisher of Catholic books and officer of volunteers in Sixty-ninth Regiment, N. Y. S. M., and afterward on Gen. Corcoran's staff, died in New-York City, aged 47 years.

29.—Pope, Ex-Lieut.-Gov. Thomas H., a prominent and active Ohio politician, formerly Lieutenant-Governor of that State, died in Washington, D. C.

30.—Armour, Brevet Major-Gen. Alexander, United States Minister to the Argentine Republic, a distinguished soldier, who served and died at Buenos Ayres.

MARCH.

1.—Howe, Samuel R., D. D., a clergyman, pastor for years of the First Reformed Church, New-Brunswick, died there, aged [illegible] years.

[illegible]—Holt, Judge J. J., formerly Justice of the Tenth Judicial District in Texas, and brother of Hon. [illegible] Holt, died in Lavaca, Texas.

4.—Gibson, William H., M. D., LL. D., an eminent surgeon of Philadelphia, Professor of Surgery many years in University of Pennsylvania, and author of several medical works, died in Germantown, aged [illegible] years.

[illegible]—Robinson, Gen. William, Jr., a leading business man of West Pennsylvania, President Exchange Bank, Pittsburg, and the man who parson-borne west of Alleghany River in Pennsylvania, died in Allegheny City, aged [illegible] years.

8.—Selden, Richard Rice, a Connecticut State Senator in 1843, an active controversialist and author of a polemic work on New School Theology, died at Madison, Conn., aged 78 years.

[illegible]—Lord, Daniel, an eminent lawyer of New-York City, at the head of the profession in commercial and insurance law, died there, aged 72 years.

[illegible]—Bayard, Hon. Henry, formerly from third Vermont District, 1861-67, died in Washington, D. C.

[illegible]—Hughes, Hall, an eminent sculptor, born in England, but resided in the United States since 1829, died in Boston, Mass., aged 69 years.

[illegible]—Bird, Rev. Chas. D., D. D., an Episcopal clergyman, author and editor, died in Rome, Italy, aged 71 years, Rector of St. John's Church, Portsmouth, N. H., died there, aged 60 years.

6.—Cooper, Mrs. Julia Drake, better known as "Julia Dean," a popular and excellent actress, died in New-York City, aged [illegible] years.

8.—Lincoln, Dr. Isaac, an eminent physician, the oldest in the profession in Maine, a graduate of Harvard College in 1800, died in Brunswick, Me., aged 98 years.

11.—Thompson, Rev. Asa, D.D., a missionary of the A. B. C. F. M. in the Sandwich Islands for forty-nine years, and a translator of the Scriptures into Hawaiian, died in Honolulu, aged 80 years and six months.

11.—Dana, Samuel Luther, M.D., L.L.D., A.A.S., an eminent physician and chemist, author of several works on scientific agriculture and chemistry, died at Lowell, Mass., aged 72 years.

11.—Simmons, Col. Timothy, U. S. A., Brevet Brigadier-General, Paymaster-General of the Army, died in Washington, D. C., aged 74 years.

14.—Clemens, Rev. Alexander, an eminent Presbyterian clergyman, born in Ireland of Scotch parentage, but resident in the United States since 1848, a chaplain in the Army, died at Savannah, Ga., aged 49 years.

16.—Dutton, Rev. C. E., Assistant Rector of Trinity Chapel, and previously for some years, an Assistant Editor of the Tribune, died at Hyères, France.

18.—Wilmot, Hon. David, a Republican statesman of Pennsylvania; Member of Congress, 1845-1851; President Judge, Thirteenth Judicial District, Pennsylvania, 1853-1857; United States Senator, 1861-63; Judge of Court of Claims, 1863-1869; President judge of Wabash Proviso, died at Towanda, Penn., aged 74 years.

22.—Liesley, Rev. John H., D. D., a Congregational clergyman, for ten years President of Marietta College, Ohio, and subsequently pastor of the Congregational Church at Greenwich, Conn., author of several works, died at Greenwich, aged 72 years.

22.—Cheever, Dr. Hayden W., a prominent medical physician of Fitchburg, Mass., President of Berkshire Medical College; State Senator of Massachusetts, 1867; Lieutenant-Governor, 1869, died at Boston, aged 58 years.

23.—Carter, Hon. Josiah Mason, a lawyer and politician of Connecticut; Speaker of the House of Representatives, Connecticut Legislature; Since Attorney and candidate of his party for Lieutenant-Governor; author of "Ancient Ethics," died at New-Haven, aged 64 years.

28.—Wood, Isaac, M. D., a distinguished physician, medical professor and author, at New-York City, died there.

27.—Quin, James H., a Homœopathic physician and author, devoted to the especially of diseases of the throat and chest, and distinguished as a chemist in the production of [illegible], died in Morristown, N. J., aged 67 years.

27.—Goodrich, Rev. Chauncey, a Congregational clergyman and philologist, for the last twelve years engaged in the revision of Webster's Dictionary and other literary pursuits, died at New-Haven, aged 81 years, a graduate of Yale College, 1818.

27.—Burgess, E. H., a prominent publisher of Philadelphia, widely known for his costly and elegant editions of Holiday books, died in Germantown, Penn.

28.—Fairman, Fryer Rawlins, the last survivor of the class of 1796 in Dartmouth College, died in Hanover, N. H., aged 99 years.

29.—Gray, John, said to have been the last surviving soldier of the Revolutionary War, died in Noble County, Ohio, aged 106 years.

[illegible]—Parker, Col. Edward Graves, a politician, military officer, and author of life of Hon. R. Choate, died in Salem, Mass., aged [illegible] years.

[illegible]—Ward, Hon. Andrew H., a prominent member of the staff of Barnes, Butler and Meade, in the Mexican war, died at the head of the Bureau of Refugees, died in New-York City.

[illegible]—Hartstene, Rear-Commander Henry J., the commander of the first Arctic Sledge Expedition, died in Paris, France.

31.—Paine, Hon. Alonzo Chenworth, an eminent jurist and legal writer of New-York, four years State Senator, eighteen years Reporter of Court of Chancery, and six years Justice of the Supreme Court of New-York, died in Schenectady, N. Y., aged 77 years.

APRIL.

1.—Barnes, James, a prominent citizen of New-Jersey, elected between 1806 and 1828, thirteen times a member of the New-Jersey Legislature, the founder of Belvidere Public School, and a leading merchant of the Delaware trade, died at Forth Amboy, N. J., aged forty years.

[illegible]—Lipscomb, Col. G. W., a member of the Constitutional Convention of Georgia, associated in [illegible] Ga., for his loyalty, died at Macon, Ga.

[illegible]—Hall, Prof. William, a distinguished Professor in Hamilton College, Clinton, died there, aged 71 years.

[illegible]—Cleveland, Rev. Hezekiah M., D. D., LL. D., Professor in Dickinson College 1850-60, President of College 1860-68, died in Carlisle, Penn.

[illegible]—Lewis, Rev. Homer D., D. D., a Baptist clergyman and author, imprisoned for some months during the war for his attitude, died at Nashville, aged 67 years.

[illegible]—Moore, Hon. John, a prominent citizen of New-York, largely interested in coal mines and railroads, and reputed worth $40,000,000, member of Congress from 1827-37, died in Watkins, New-York, aged 74 years.

[illegible]—Seagy, Rev. Nathaniel, a distinguished Universalist minister, died in Columbus, Penn., aged 80 years.

[illegible]—Cushman, Rev. Robert W., D.D., a Baptist clergyman, author and teacher, founder and principal of the Female Seminary, died at South Reading, Mass., aged [illegible] years.

[illegible]—Brockway, Rev. Fitch, a Baptist clergyman, widely known throughout New-England, died in Westfield, Conn., aged [illegible] years.

[illegible]—Lenox, Rev. Francis Vinton, an eminent Episcopal clergyman and teacher, Rector of Episcopal churches in Elizabeth, N. J., and Newburg, N. Y., died in Newburg, aged 54 years.

[illegible]—Pierce, Commander George A., U. S. N., a naval officer forty-five years in the service, died on the South Carolina Railroad, near Charleston, S. C., aged About 55 years.

[illegible]—Bagnell, John R., M. D., an eminent physician of New-York City, formerly President of New-York Academy of Medicine, died in New-York City, aged 63 years.

[illegible]—Lawrence, Gardner, an eminent physician, and the oldest scientific journalist in the country, long a resident of New-York City, died at Providence, R. I.

11.—Dorsheimer, Philip, State Treasurer of New-York, 1860-1861, Postmaster of Buffalo, Collector of Internal Revenue of Grand District, died in Buffalo, aged 71 years.

11.—Yandes, Rev. Orson C., a Reformed clergyman and Secretary of Reformed Board of Domestic Missions, died at Easton, Penn., aged 39 years.

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2.—Drake, Henry, Director of English Opera and an excellent baritone singer, died in Pawtucket, R. I.

[illegible]—Jackson, Cornelius C., Brevet Major-General, U. S. A., "Miles O'Reilly," author, poet, humorist, active and soldier, of Irish birth, but resident in United States since 1840; Register of County of New-York, died in New-York City, aged 59 years.

5.—Wilson, John, one of the most eminent of American printers, author of several works, died in Cambridge, Mass., aged [illegible] years.

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26.—Sealy, Hon. S. W., formerly Lieutenant-Governor and acting Governor of Wisconsin, and Lieutenant-Colonel of Volunteers in the late war, was killed in a concourse at Helena, Montana. He was about 60 years of age.

28.—Tharp, Rev. David Todd, a Presbyterian clergyman of Kentucky, for fifteen years Principal of Shelbyville Female Seminary, Kentucky, died there, aged 58 years.

31.—King, Robert P., an eminent printer and publisher of Philadelphia, died there, aged 87 years.

31.—Hindman, Gen. Thomas C., member of Congress from Arkansas, 1859-61, a rebel Major-General during the war, was assassinated at Helena, Ark. His age was 40 years.

[illegible]—Ferriss, Hon. T. A. D., member of Congress, 1861-63, and brother of Senator Ferriss, died at Lewiston, Me., aged 45 years.

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30.—Gurley, Rev. Phineas D., D. D., Presbyterian clergyman of Washington, D. C., and author, for some years Chaplain United States Senate, died in Washington, aged 82 years.

[illegible]—George Louis, or Cry-Long, the wealthiest and most surprising Chinese merchant in San Francisco, eighteen years a resident, died there, aged 53 years.

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[illegible]—Chinnery, George W., an actor, and originally a ventriloquist, died from injuries received in New-York City, aged 55 years.

[illegible]—Garrie, Brevet Brig.-Gen. William, U. S. A., a Veteran officer of the army, sixty-seven years in the service, died in New-York City, aged 80 years.

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29.—McVicker, Rev. John, D. D., late Professor in Columbia College, New-York, died in New-York City, aged 63 years.

29.—Pickering, Octavius, A. A. M., a Massachusetts jurist, law reporter, and author of twenty-four volumes of law reports, also distinguished as a naturalist, died in Boston, aged 78 years.

30.—Gunning, Cornelius Gardner, an old and eminent merchant of Jefferson Village, the head of the fur trade for many years, died in New-York City, aged 78 years.

[illegible]—Horton, Hon. Gustavus, Probate Judge of Mobile, was murdered at Huntsville, Ala. His age was 63 years.

[illegible]—Kimball, Jonathan P., one of the founders of the American Tract Society, an ardent philanthropist, died in Boston, aged about 75 years.

NOVEMBER.

2.—Ashburn, Hon. Anson, member of Massachusetts Legislature three terms, State Senate two years, member of Congress 1847-49, died in Andover, aged 62 years.

2.—Boardman, Samuel P., wool-grower, and Secretary of the Wool Growers' Association of Illinois, died at Lincoln, Ill.

[illegible]—Green, Hon. Samuel R., Judge of United States District Court for Southern District of New-York for about forty years, died at New-Haven, Conn., aged 82 years.

7.—Wordenweber, Hon. Jacob B., member of Congress from New-Jersey 1857-59, died at Jersey City, N. J., aged 69 years.

[illegible]—Falkner, Mrs. Almira H., a noble, philanthropic woman, but widow of the Adjutant of the 42d regiment and invaluable services to sick and wounded soldiers and freedmen, died in Washington, D. C.

9.—Fashion, W. L., an actor, for several years connected with Barnum's Museum, died in New-York City, aged 62 years.

[illegible]—Gibbs, Capt. Roland, a California pioneer in 1849, founder of the first Sunday School in Sacramento, and long a prominent business man in San Francisco, died in that city, aged 57 years.

[illegible]—Greene, Edwin A., an American inventor and builder of locomotives and railroads and iron-clads, died in Paris, France, aged [illegible] years.

11.—Stevens, Hon. Thaddeus, an American statesman, member of Congress from Pennsylvania and leader of the House of Representatives, died in Washington, D. C., aged 76 years.

11.—Jennings, Adam Isaac, a notorious actress, a native of New-Orleans, La., died in Paris, France, aged 38 years.

12.—Wade, Gen. Melancthon S., a Brigadier-General United States Volunteers, died suddenly at Avondale, Mo. [illegible]

12.—Atkinson, James, a philanthropist and wealthy citizen of Philadelphia, died in Brooklyn, N. Y., aged 71 years.

13.—Colonna, Count de la, a Colonel of the National Guard under Napoleon III, and subsequently a resident of New-York city, died there, aged 94 years.

18.—Cornrock, Capt. Joseph J., an eminent ocean navigator, long in command of some of the Collins steamers, died in New-York City.

17.—Vandenburgh, Mrs. Sophia, wife of Cornelius Vandenburgh, died in New-York City, aged 74 years.

19.—Bonney, Judge Charles C., a prominent Judge of the Supreme Court of New-York City; a Republican politician and lawyer, died in New-York, aged 63 years.

20.—Bailey, Major John D., a newspaper writer and editor, and for fourteen years military critic of the New-York Press, died in New-York, aged 44 years.

21.—Barnes, Samuel J., a venerable merchant and earliest and enterprising broker of New-York City, died there, aged 82 years.

23.—Irving, Ebenezer, a brother of Washington Irving, his business man and executor, died at Sunnyside, Irvington, aged 76 years.

25.—Abbe, Herman J., an accomplished philologist and literateur of German birth, author of a German and English Dictionary and German text books, died at the Bloomingdale Asylum for the insane, aged 47 years.

26.—Bellows, Charles Loring, an eminent American portrait painter, died in Albany, N. Y., aged 56 years.

28.—Finney, Hon. Benson A., member of Congress from Twenty-first Congressional District, 1867-71, died in Brussels, Belgium, aged 54 years.

28.—Mann, Hon. James, member of Congress from Second Louisiana District, 1867-8, and an officer of volunteers in late war, died in New-Orleans, aged 46 years.

28.—Thomas, Edward D., D.D., a Presbyterian clergyman and pastor, died in Philadelphia, author of Lange's Commentary, died at Orange, N. J., aged 59 years.

29.—Thomas, Jason, an eminent machinist and locomotive builder, long at the head of the great Patterson Locomotive Works, died at Monmouth, N. J.

27.—Wilson, William H., editor, New-Orleans Times, died in New-Orleans, La.

28.—Grandin, Hon. Francis, member of Congress from 1836-7, 1839-41, and 1841-43, Postmaster-General in 1841, and a leading Whig politician of New-York, died at Canandaigua, N. Y., aged 81 years.

[illegible]—Turner, Hon. Jonathan H., formerly Judge of the Supreme Court of New-York City; a prominent citizen of South Carolina, member of Legislature, Member in Equity, State Auditor, &c., died in Summerville, S. C., aged 49 years.

29.—Foster, Rev. Stephen, a venerable Presbyterian clergyman, died at Geneva, N. Y., aged 87 years.

29.—Smith, John B., a prominent politician, and Presidential elector in 1836 and 1860 of Wisconsin, died at Mount Pleasant, Wis., aged 51 years.

29.—Brown, J. Vincent, United States Internal Revenue Collector Fifth Massachusetts District, died at Salem, Mass.

30.—Kraft, Henry, Ph. D., a German chemist, long resident in the United States, died in Brooklyn, N. Y., aged 67 years.

31.—Bishop, Hiram R., D. D., an Episcopal clergyman, Rector of a church in Chicago, died in Paris, France, aged 49 years.

[illegible]—Lemmon, R. S., an American poet, author and politician, confidential agent of United States Treasury Department, died at Berkeley, Mass.

[illegible]—Shiels, Brevet Brig.-Gen. B. Franklin, U. S. A., Major Twelfth Infantry, an able officer in the late war and since, recently on frontier duty, died at Fort Bonne, Wyoming Territory, aged 57 years.

[illegible]—Posey, Mrs. Rachel, revolutionary pensioner, died at Valley Forge, Penn., aged 108 years.

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10.—Raphall, Rev. Morris Jacob, Ph. D., an eminent Jewish Rabbi and author, a native of Stockholm, but resident in the United States since 1849, died in New-York City, aged 70 years.

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29.—Moore, E. Warren, a prominent politician and lawyer in Louisiana; Speaker of Louisiana Legislature for several terms, Attorney-General of the State, Circuit Judge in 1861, &c., died at Jefferson, La., aged [illegible] years.

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[illegible]—Ward, Hon. Andrew H., a member of the staff of Barnes, Butler and Meade, in the Mexican war, died at the head of the Bureau of Refugees, died in New-York City.

[illegible]—Hartstene, Rear-Commander Henry J., the commander of the first Arctic Sledge Expedition, died in Paris, France.

31.—Paine, Hon. Alonzo Chenworth, an eminent jurist and legal writer of New-York, four years State Senator, eighteen years Reporter of Court of Chancery, and six years Justice of the Supreme Court of New-York, died in Schenectady, N. Y., aged 77 years.

APRIL.

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[illegible]—Moore, Hon. John, a prominent citizen of New-York, largely interested in coal mines and railroads, and reputed worth $40,000,000, member of Congress from 1827-37, died in Watkins, New-York, aged 74 years.

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26.—Moore, Hon. John Bassett, a member of Congress from Portland, Me., 1837-41, United States Collector in 1851, died in Portland, aged 70 years.

29.—Smith, Seba, the original "Major Jack Downing," a politician, journalist and author, died at Pittsburgh, L. I., aged 78 years.

31.—Reed, Hon. Samuel Davis, an eminent New-Hampshire jurist, Justice of Superior and Supreme Courts, author of digest of New-Hampshire Reports, 66, and revisor of his statutes, 1830, 1842 and 1867, died in Manchester, N. H., aged 70 years.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

EUROPE.

The Emperor NAPOLEON made his usual New-Year speech yesterday, at the reception of the Diplomatic Corps. He complimented the conciliatory spirit of the European nations, which enabled them to unravel international difficulties, and hoped 1869 would be as satisfactory in this respect as the year just closed.

King VICTOR EMMANUEL, of Italy, made a speech yesterday to the military officers who paid their respects to him, in which he said that the present situation of affairs was good, but that in case trouble should arise he should continue to rely upon the loyalty of his army.

Greece is actively preparing the national troops for service.

The outflow of specie from the Bank of France has been very great during the past week, and the official report of the directors shows that there are $1,000,000 francs less in bullion in the bank than at the end of the previous week.

Mr. ASHBURY, of London, in declining the proposed race between his yacht *Cambria* and the American yacht *Dauntless*, says that he will race the *Phantom* across the Atlantic, thus leaving other English yachts an opportunity to accept the challenge of the Americans.

GENERAL.

JOHN T. HOFFMAN was yesterday inaugurated Governor of the State at the Capitol at Albany. Mr. HOFFMAN was escorted to the Assembly Chamber by Gov. FENTON, where, in the midst of a large assemblage of citizens and soldiers, the retiring Governor welcomed the incoming, and formally surrendered to him the symbols of his office. Gov. HOFFMAN replied in fitting terms. Lieut.-Gov. DRAKE was then inducted into office, and the ceremonies were ended.

The sixth anniversary of the emancipation of slaves was celebrated by the colored people of Boston at Tremont Temple yesterday. Speeches were made by Senator WILSON, WENDELL PHILLIPS and others, the Emancipation Proclamation was read, and a Christmas poem read. Many white people were in attendance.

The storm which raged with such fearful severity in this City yesterday, was general throughout the East and West. Railroad trains on many roads have been delayed several hours, and the mails for the next few days will be irregular in consequence.

DANIEL M. FOX, the newly-elected Mayor of Philadelphia, was duly inaugurated yesterday.

The report of the Fire Marshal of Chicago for the year just closed, shows the total loss by fire to be $2,900,000. The Police of the city, during the year, have made 28,000 arrests, and there was $27,500 worth of property stolen. During the last year there were 5,700 deaths, 4,664 marriages and 6,848 births.

The Connecticut Agricultural Society will hold its annual meeting at the Tontine Hotel, in New-Haven, on Wednesday, the 13th. The annual sessions of the Connecticut Board of Agriculture will occur at Bridgeport, on the 12th, 13th and 14th of January, when various subjects of interest will be discussed, and lectures will be delivered by Profs. JOHN GARNER, S. W. JOHNSON and WM. H. BREWER.

GAMALIEL WARREN, Esq., one of the most prominent members of the Masonic fraternity of Vermont, and for a time Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State, died at Montpelier on Wednesday evening, aged 66 years.

Hon. A. A. WING, of Bangor, formerly Collector of Internal Revenue for the Fourth District of Maine, died at the Devitt House, in Lewiston, yesterday morning.

The late THOMAS C. MOORE, an old resident of Williamsport, N. Y., in a codicil to his will, revokes a devise of his personal estate to his sister MARTHA JANE, consisting bonds, mortgages, scrip, certificates of work stock, money, &c., for the reason that he desired to see liberal provision made for the relief of suffering and destitute widows and children of Southern soldiers, who died or were killed in the late war, in the general army of South Carolina, North Carolina and Georgia. He therefore, bequeaths, &c., to JAMES HAIR and THEODOR F. POSCHER, LOUIS D. DE SAUSSURE and E. HERBERT FRENCH of Charleston, S. C., and Rev. JOHN BURNET, bonds in trust for that purpose amounting to $26,000, the policies to be delivered on their chosen to be more than one-third of the whole. The amount, with interest, to be distributed in the course of seven years. All the bonds and mortgages, with few exceptions, he also gives for the rebuilding or repairing of churches, without regard to sect or denomination, injured by the late war, within the cities of the Southern States aforesaid.

The French Minister was recently robbed of a gold watch and several medals of honor which had been presented to him by the Emperor of France. The thief climbed the lightning-rod and entered a window of the upper story of his house in Washington.

The trial of THOMPSON A. HOWARD, which has occupied the United States Court at Baltimore for two weeks past, was continued on Saturday. He was charged on the first indictment with having cast away or destroyed the schooner Hornet, to defraud the Union Fire and Marine Insurance Company, by loading and schooner with barrels pretended to be empty, on which a large insurance was obtained, when they were really barrels of water, and that he made way with the schooner so as to obtain the insurance. On this charge the jury disagreed and were discharged. The prisoner's second trial was for conspiring with Capt. PERRIN to destroy the same schooner for some purposes of fraud. The Government failing to prove, or make out the conspiracy, a verdict of acquittal was rendered on Thursday afternoon, which also acquits Capt. PERRIN. HOWARD is to have another trial on the first charge.

The inhabitants of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan held a convention at Houghton a few days ago, and adopted resolutions in favor of the separation of that peninsula from the State, and its formation into a Territory, ultimately to become a State by itself.

Mr. DENNIS B. GAFFNEY, the venerable Justice of the Justice's Court of Albany, slipped and fell on State-street, in that city, on Wednesday evening, and broke his arm and otherwise seriously injured himself. His injuries were promptly attended to.

The steamer *Bacon*, of the Northwestern Packet Company, was entirely destroyed by fire on Tuesday, at Paducah, Ky., where she was undergoing repairs.

The venerable NATHAN LORD, D. D., late President of Dartmouth College, has so far recovered from his late prostration as to be able to go to Lowell, where he is now stopping at the residence of his daughter. His health is daily improving.

The Governor of Illinois has just received from Col. COOK, the Military Claim Agent of the State, at Washington, a United States Treasury warrant for the sum of $136,845 61, in part liquidation of the claims of Illinois against the General Government for expenses incurred in arming and equipping troops during the early stages of the rebellion. This sum, with the amount obtained last year, makes a total of $282,868 52.

In the case of Mr. TWITCHELL, on trial in Philadelphia for the murder of his mother-in-law, Mrs. BITZ, the jury retired at 9 o'clock yesterday morning, and in twenty-five minutes returned with a verdict of guilty.

We printed yesterday a dispatch giving some particulars of another Indian fight, alleged to have taken place in the Wichita Mountains, resulting in the death of many Indians and the capture of two celebrated chiefs. A dispatch from St. Louis discredits this report by saying that Gen. SHERIDAN has received no report of such fight.

Gen. JUBAL EARLY announces his intention of remaining in Canada for the present.

It is feared that two of the five persons injured by the overturning of the boat-wagon on the road near Lawrence, Mass., on Wednesday night, will not recover: Mr. WILLIAM CROSS and Mr. T. H. FERRALD. Miss SARAH VICKERY was seriously though not dangerously hurt. The party in the wagon, numbering thirty-three, were returning to Lawrence from a church festival at Pelham, N. H. The road at the point where the accident occurred was very narrow and quite icy.

The Massachusetts Legislature meets on Wednesday. On Thursday Gov. BULLOCK will deliver a valedictory address to the Legislature, reviewing the course of his three years' administration, and on Friday the inauguration of Gov. CLAFLIN and the other State officers will take place.

The pitiless snow-storm that fell during the whole of yesterday prevented the usual number of New-Year's calls being made in this City and Brooklyn. Locomotion was performed under difficulties. Many of the street cars had to employ six-horse teams. As the storm increased, the streets became almost deserted, few persons venturing out that were not compelled to do so. Altogether, it was a dull holiday.

JAMES TOLLAND, a plasterer, was arrested yesterday on suspicion of being implicated in the murderous attack on Mr. ROGERS in East Twelfth-street on Thursday morning.

The New State Administration.

Gov. HOFFMAN was yesterday "welcomed to the Chief Magistracy of the State of New-York" by Gov. FENTON, who said he "cheerfully transferred the symbols of authority." The retiring functionary then proceeded to give the new Governor a deal of good advice about the office and its duties, and ended by invoking for his encouragement and support the prayers of all the people and the guidance of Heaven. Gov. HOFFMAN responded by showing that he "realized how beautiful is our system of government," which works with such admirable simplicity and regularity; and he accepted the sympathetic compliments of his predecessor as an assurance of the passing away of the asperities of the great political contest, whose results are cheerfully accepted by the people.

Gov. FENTON has been in office for two successive terms,—having been first elected in 1864, when the war was still at its height, and the issues of the war were the elements of political conflict. At that time he ran against HORATIO SEYMOUR, and his majority in the State was over 8,000. Two years later he ran against JOHN T. HOFFMAN, and his majority in the State was close upon 14,000. At the election last November, the majority of Gov. HOFFMAN over his competitor, JOHN A. GRISWOLD, reached as high as 26,000 votes. There was undoubtedly a great deal of fraudulent voting by the Democrats; but, making all the allowance for this that has been claimed, it will still be found that Mr. HOFFMAN was elected by a legal majority.

We wish we could look for a good and honest administration from Gov. HOFFMAN, so far as his power extends. He has always been credited with personal integrity, and with a character much higher than that of the politicians whom the Democrats of this City generally put in office. He is possessed of a good deal of ability, some spirit, and a thorough knowledge of his duties. More than this he knows all the outs-and-ins of political corruption, and has had the opportunity of getting intimately acquainted with the parties who engineer their schemes of corruption in our Municipal and State Governments, and the means that are employed to carry them through. But it is here the danger lies. He has gone to Albany as the representative of Tammany, as the choice of the "Ring." It was they who brought him forward, and it was they who elected him that they might use him as the agent of their interests. It is to them he has to look for future advancement, and the gratification of his ambition; and he will show himself a much bolder politician than he has yet done if he makes the attempt to set himself up against them. It will not be long before they will show him that if they cannot rule him, they will ruin him,—that if he refuse to carry out their personal interests, they will destroy his political prospects. There are determined and relentless men. They are thoroughly unscrupulous; and whether they carry their point through him or over him, is of less consequence to them than that they must carry it.

Gov. HOFFMAN is himself perfectly well aware of all this. Now, what will he do about it? Will he give in? Will he selfishly succumb to the selfish plunderers and political carrion-crows of the Tammany party who have undertaken to manage our State politics, and are determined to deal with the public interests simply as the means of their own aggrandizement? Or will he take a stand,—will he even make a show of taking a stand,—against them and their corruptions and their ruinous policy of greed and plunder? What could he do? A great deal. Knowing them as he does, he could watch them and expose them. He could show them up before the Legislature and the people. He could thwart them by his vetoes, and he could break up their combinations and intrigues by his determined refusal to be their agent or tool. We don't express any belief that he will make any attempt in this direction; but we know he can not only make the attempt, but compel them to feel his power and the people to acknowledge his efforts.

The new Governor is in an awkward position as regards the State Legislature. Both Houses are politically opposed to him, and the Republican majority will be decisive on all questions that may assume a party character. The appointments he has to make are but few, and he will doubtless try to send in the names of men who may expect confirmation, exclusive of strictly party considerations.

We wish Gov. HOFFMAN a successful administration as Chief Executive of the Empire State. He is Governor of a State which possesses a greater population and a thousand-fold greater wealth than existed in the whole of our country when WASHINGTON was its President. Though he has but limited power under the State Constitution, and though it will be still more limited by his political antagonism to the Legislature, he has yet opportunity of doing credit to himself while serving his native State.

The Claims of this City on the National Government.

The period is approaching when a great change in the structural condition of New-York may be anticipated. The Southern States give the promise of producing cotton as abundantly in the future as before the war, the staple that has sustained a healthy foreign trade for the whole country, a trade that is being gradually absorbed by this City. The Eastern terminus of the Pacific Railway—soon to be completed—is to be here. The whole Union is animated with an industrial spirit that has never been surpassed, and, though struggling with a heavy burden of national debt and disordered finances, these cannot repress the national energies. The latter are sure to triumph over present difficulties, and however arduous may be the struggle, it must end in an increasing concentration of the industrial and financial operations of the whole country here. New-York is already conceded to be a national City all over the Union; but this seems to be about all that local or external perceptions have accorded to it. What kind of a place the commercial capital of this great country is to be, what constitutes a national city in this age of gigantic engineering constructions, and what are its claims or whether it has any upon the whole nation to aid in its realization, seem hardly to have engaged the attention of any one inside or outside of it. And yet we have only to open our eyes to see that these great questions are immediately in front of us, that they are paramount to all others, and that on their correct solution depends, in a great degree, the immediate future of the City, if not its final destiny.

About one-half of the revenues that sustain the National Government are collected here, and mainly from foreign imports. The Government that collects $120,000,000 of gold a year from our foreign commerce, must have some other duties to perform to this commerce besides engaging in this terrible and continuous depletion. Five millions of dollars is less than five per cent. of the net annual income of the National Government derived from this commerce. Five per cent. from one year's income would thus remove the obstructions in the East River—the estimated cost of their removal being about five millions—and if the expense were twice this, neither the Government or people of this country can find a plausible pretext for withholding it.

Again, the Government collects this enormous revenue by standing on the piers and wharves of this port, and exacts this money for permitting commerce to pass over the dividing line between the water and dry land of this City. Landing goods is one of the uses for which piers and wharves are made, and the Government derives three or four hundred per cent. more profit from this use of them than any one else. They are the highways of the nation, not of the State nor of the City; the Government so treats them, so taxes, so rises them, so takes possession of them and collects tolls enough from them to pay the interest on the national debt. Those who collect tolls for the use of a highway are usually called on to keep it in order.

The Citizens' Association and the Chamber of Commerce, some time ago, united in a proposal to have laws enacted by the State Legislature for reconstructing these piers and wharves. This would involve an expenditure, which in ten years ought to be somewhere between fifty millions and one hundred millions of dollars, the payment of which would have to be charged upon the City, or City and State together. Neither the State nor the City have any power, owing to the Federal Constitution and laws, to collect one cent of toll or tax a single commodity for the use or passage over the dividing line between land and water around this City. The right to collect this toll and levy these taxes belongs exclusively to the National Government.

As the use of the piers and wharves is now regulated by the Government, these regulations must be extended, if for no other object that to make them decent places for the Government to carry on its great business of drawing revenue from our commerce. Curiously enough, at about the time these fatal prophesies were started the first permanent commercial improvement on the shores of Manhattan Island was instituted, and instituted, too, by the National Government. This was the construction of a pier and wharf at the Battery, to facilitate the landing of foreign passengers. Thus the Rubicon has been passed, the Government, without waiting to regulate, has taken actual and complete possession of a portion of the water line of the port. The only inquiry that was ever raised tending to limit the "complete and unlimited" power of Congress to "regulate" foreign and interstate commerce—and nineteen-twentieths of the commerce of this City is foreign or interstate—was, whether the commerce mentioned in the Constitution embraced persons as well as things. It was long since decided by the Supreme Court of the United States that the term included both, and the Government is very properly making commercial conveniences for the foreign human freight of this port, which pays no revenue, and very improperly leaving these commodities from which it derives over one hundred millions per annum, without any commercial provisions or conveniences whatever, excepting some shambling boards and rotten posts, which we call piers and wharves, that are a disgrace, not alone to this City but to American civilization, that facilitate fraud on the public revenue, and invite to robbery and crime.

So wide a chasm as now exists between the obligations enforced from the commerce of this City to the Government—obligations to pay every twelve months more than one hundred and fifty millions into the National Treasury—and the absence of all obligations to this commerce in return, is without a precedent in the history of taxation in any part of the world, or in any period of history. It would seem to be reasonable that while the City is paying about one-half of the taxes of the nation, a small percentage of these taxes be occasionally set aside to repair and improve the machinery that performs so herculean a task. Hitherto there has been no way visible for the physical regeneration of the City, which every one who will reflect must perceive to be the primary step to its civil and political purification. All the public have been able to do in the matter thus far has been to trust to the future and to destiny. The fact is so conspicuous that it can be no longer obscured, that this is far more a national City than the City of Washington. So far as it is developed, it has sprung almost wholly from "commerce with foreign nations and among the several States," and when Congress shall find itself able to "regulate" this commerce where regulations are imperiously demanded—in the locality where more of this commerce is found than in any or in all of the other places of the Union—an approach will be made to the solution of local difficulties.

Napoleon's Speech on New Year's Day.

The Emperor NAPOLEON has spoken, as his custom is on New Year's Day, and the tone of his speech is pacific. He throws out no hints of aggression on the part of France, and manifests no signs of resentment against the action of any other European Power. On the contrary, he expresses his belief in the pacific settlement of the Eastern question, and looks upon the attitudes of the Powers concerned as a guarantee of peace. We do not, as a general rule, attach too great importance to these Napoleonic utterances, but in the present case there can be no doubt that the prospects of peace in Europe are better than they were, now that the critical moment has passed, and that NAPOLEON has refrained from any of the startling epigrams that have more than once alarmed and disturbed Europe on similar occasions.

There is still too much ground for apprehension with regard to the state of Europe. Whatever happens, the Eastern question has received a fresh impulse, and has been suddenly pressed upon the notice of the Great Powers in a form in which it has not presented itself since 1854. But France is, in reality, the mistress of the situation, or, at all events, the arbiter of peace or war, and it is satisfactory to find that there are no symptoms as yet of a warlike disposition on her part. A few words from NAPOLEON might now plunge Europe into war, and the mere fact that he has not spoken them must be accepted, in the absence of stronger evidence, as a pledge of his desire to preserve peace. It remains only to be seen whether the confidence which he expresses in the preservation of European tranquillity will be justified by events.

Every Man a Politician.

A friend who was present at the dinner to Gen. GRANT given by one of our millionaires, told us that there were four of the twenty who would take office. We were obliged to differ from him. We believe there were *five*. At least one-quarter of our voting population, we take it, are ready to hold office, nay, anxious to do so. It is a curious and not very intelligible fact.

Our central Government, it is said, employs and pays 60,000 office-holders. They are liable to be supplanted to please some whim,—are *sure* to be supplanted whenever there is a change of President. Sixty thousand in office implies one million out of office who are moving heaven and earth to get in. The whole of these we may put down as professed politicians—men who are anxious to make politics their business. It seems that a man who has once held an office, forever wants to hold an office. He cannot be cured by any known means. A million capable men at the moment among our people are passing a wretched and scheming Winter in the vague hope that they may get in office next Spring from Gen. GRANT.

It is the most hopeless form of insanity one would think, for it is apparent from the figures of the Blue Book that there are not five hundred offices in the whole country which will pay a man a decent support. The pay of the Secretary of the Treasury is about one-half that of a good bank President; that of a member of Congress is one-half that of a good country lawyer; while the smaller departmental offices are notoriously insufficient to support a family. It appears by recent developments that men do want the place of Internal Revenue Commissioner—salary $6,000—who are at this time in receipt of salaries of $10,000 to $13,000,—and this, too, in face of the fact that it cannot be held over four years, and may be snatched way at any moment.

The explanation of this astounding condition of things is found by some in the theory that men are venal. It is and has been urged that men seek for offices, not for the salaries, but for the plunder. To a certain extent this is doubtless true, but we are loth to believe it to its full extent. But it is not to be doubted that our system is as bad as it can be and is the worst ever invented. When the phrase, "to the victors belong the spoils" was applied, it was the most devilish test ever preached from; we have been preaching and practicing it now these three decades. Men who get offices know that their official life is short, and, if they can be tempted to make the most of their short time, they will be. "Make hay while the sun shines," is a maxim quite as generally accepted and acted upon by the politician as the farmer.

What is true of the Central Government may assume to be true of the lesser Governments. We conclude that there are 25,000 to 30,000 men in this City who hold places, or expect to, in the City Government. We know of men who go into school boards and every other small place, who can have no purpose but the hope of pickings. We know of men who give up $5 a day to go to the Legislature to get $3—and for what? And those who are not directly venal are sustained by the hope that "something will turn up" by which they shall benefit.

The truth is, that this system is corrupting the body politic. We read politics and talk politics and smoke politics and drink politics the year round. There seems to be something fascinating to mortal man to be put up and pushed forward by a great party. He finds himself talked about,—courted and treated by everybody as if he were a great man; and this, to most men, is the same as if he were. He arrives at a dignity which he has hardly dared to dream of, and thus we are being converted into a nation of politicians, and that means ruin. The politician must exist, and he is, or ought to be, a most valuable man; but he ought to allow his fellow-men to seek him, rather than he to hunt his fellow-men.

But as a business it is poor, and the pay is small. Venal or not, hardly any man can keep money if he makes it in that way. There are a thousand demands upon him, and it takes a sharp brain and a ready purse under our system for a man to keep his place against the million who are trying to get it away from him.

Expenses of Housekeeping.

The table of prices for articles of merchandise and produce in domestic use for 1867 and 1868, which we published in Tuesday's issue, will show our housekeepers what the expenses of living are this year, as compared with last, and where the difference lies.

Among the articles which are dearer, and whose increased cost every one feels, comes first of course anthracite coals, which are nearly fifty per cent. higher, or from $8 to $10, against $6 25 to $7 50 last year. Cotton, too, is a little dearer, being 25¾ cents to 26 cents for middling, against 25⅛ cents to 25½ cents in 1867. Yet cotton goods, so great has been the production, are slightly cheaper, bleached shirtings selling for 7½ cents to 25 cents per yard, against 12 cents to 27½ cents last year. Cotton jean is a trifle less, and flannels and canton flannels are about the same.

In provisions, pork is dearer this year—$27 per barrel against $20 90, and $22 against $18 50. Lard is dearer, and cheese, while butter is about the same. The best teas are a trifle higher—90 cents to $1 65 this year, and 90 cents to $1 50 last year. Poultry, too, is somewhat more expensive. But the great gain appears in the results of our grand harvests. Ordinary flour is $6 65 this year, against $8 30 last, and $14 is quoted for extra Western, against $15 50 in 1867. Corn, too, is cheaper—98 cents to $1 13 this year, and $1 07½ to $1 40½ in 1867. Oats also are less—76½ cents, against 84 cents. Potatoes are considerably cheaper—$1 50 to $3 50, against $4 to $5 25.

That important article for housekeepers, refined petroleum, is also a little less dear. Sugars, too, are cheaper, and molasses. Coffee has fallen off three or four cents a pound.

It will be seen from these figures of what are daily expenses to every housekeeper, that most articles of consumption are a little cheaper this December than they were last year; the great increase of expense being in fuel. The change in flour alone is of immense importance to consumers. These comparative prices, however, do not show the expenses which are eating out the incomes of most families of the middle class, which are the cost of labor, and rents. The night of a plumber or carpenter in a house this year makes every housekeeper tremble; and when the fatal procession of them begins, with the "boss," $5 per diem, and the assistant $4 50, and the numberless items of expense, then the master of the house knows that his days of economy are over, and a long purse is needed. Wages, too, for servants are very high. Labor and taxes combine also to lay heavy rents on all dealers and householders. Shopkeepers and persons of moderate incomes are paying out a very large proportion now in rent. The failures in the dry-goods interest which have begun will continue if these exorbitant rents be demanded and paid. And, though prices have not much risen above the scale of last year, that scale itself was exceedingly high, mainly through the effect of a redundant and irredeemable currency, each consumer paying a percentage to the distributor or retailer on the uncertainty of values. No doubt, also, too much of the force of the country is withdrawn from production, and is turned to speculation or distributing, so that the produce of the soil is yet relatively too high. Moreover the immense production of gold in Australia and California has begun now to be felt over a vast level, and its price has diminished—in other words, prices of commodities have increased throughout the world.

When specie payments are resumed, prices in this country will indeed be lower, but never as low as they were ten years ago.

MINOR TOPICS.

A wilder New-Year's Day it would have been hard for nature to get up. Whizzing sleet, howling wind, sunless sky, snowy streets, piercing cold, confronted the unhappy caller who started out to make the rounds among his friends. And yet it was surprising to see the number of pedestrians and carriages in the streets, engaged in keeping the day according to the customs and traditions of New-York. It is evident that there is still some respect for established institutions in America.

Gov. FENTON and Gov. HOFFMAN delivered excellent speeches to each other yesterday, on the occasion of the former retiring from office and the latter entering upon it. The compliments were of the most remarkable kind, and may be taken as indicative of the coming of the "good times."

The Emperor NAPOLEON, in his New-Year's address to the Diplomatic Corps yesterday, gave utterance to pacific and hopeful sentiments. Not only the Emperor's words, but his recent conduct, show his desire for the preservation of the peace of Europe.

At 12 o'clock yesterday, Gen. BURSIDE proceeded to the Presidential Mansion, shouldered through the Red room to the Blue room, shook hands cordially with President JOHNSON, and passed out by way of the East room. The spectacle, in all its aspects, was a fine one. We know of nothing quite so fine, in the Dudley line, since his affectionate conflict with the President in the impeachment trial, last Spring.

The controversy as to who first nominated Gen. GRANT for President still rages. The Washington correspondent of the Troy *Times* is a candidate for the honor, and dates his nomination in February, 1867. It seems to be forgotten that in the National Convention of 1864, held in Baltimore, Gen. GRANT was formally nominated by the Missouri delegation for President even then.

The new uniform of the City letter carriers is exceedingly neat and tasteful. It is of light gray cloth, and gives the men the appearance of being engaged in public service of some importance and respectability. We hear that a portion of the carriers object strongly to wearing it, under the absurd impression that it makes them look like servants in livery, but this silly notion will soon wear away with them as it has already done with the Police. We suspect that the real objection to the uniform is that the men are compelled to pay for it themselves; and this does not seem to be quite fair. But the uniform itself will soon become popular everywhere.

The Police were very prompt last week in arresting and punishing citizens for putting *salt* on the snow that blocked the pavements. Cannot they now show a little activity in detecting the rowdies who murder men while shoveling the snow off the sidewalks?

Now that the Press at large has relieved itself by very free and lavish abuse of our Minister in England, and by predictions that his attempted settlement will prove an utter failure, perhaps some one will be good enough to let us know in what particular respect it is faulty. The principal ground of attack thus far has been his fraternizing with LAIRD, ROEBUCK and other English sympathizers with the Southern rebellion. We think there has been some ground for censure in this particular, though his correspondence with Mr. LAIRD, and other letters, put the matter in a better light. But this, after all, has nothing to do with the real purpose of his mission, which is the settlement of the *Alabama* question; and, so far as we can see, in this his action has been judicious and wise, and promises success. If it prove so, it will cover a multitude of sins of etiquette and manners.

An effort is to be made, it is said, to form an association among the officers of the Army of the Potomac similar to those recently formed of the officers of the Army of the Cumberland and the Army of the West. The task, we apprehend, will be found somewhat difficult. There was from the beginning to the end of its history a constant conflict, and claims of rivalry of pretensions, among the officers of the Potomac army which did not exist in any other department, and these had a good deal to do with the comparative lack of success which attended its efforts. It will not be easy, we apprehend, to induce forgetfulness of all these dissensions among the surviving officers or to create among them such a harmony of feeling as prevails elsewhere and as is essential to the success of such an organization as the one proposed.

A nobleman in Russia has been tried, convicted and deprived of his rank, besides suffering fine and imprisonment, for cheating a lady in the sale of a horse. It is lucky that a good many of the horsedealers among us are not Russian noblemen. There are very few crimes, however, that are so severely punished in that country as this.

Those people who suppose that California is confining her strides toward greatness to such commonplace efforts as her last year's exportation of eighteen millions of dollars' worth of wheat and other agricultural and mineral developments, are mistaken. She is also advancing in the science of government. The people of San Francisco have been talking about getting up a park. The Board of Supervisors thereupon instructed their Committee (of three) on Outside Lands to draw up an order meeting the requirements of the case. They did so, appointing themselves and two others as Commissioners. The cheerful five then spent sixty days (or such few hours of them as were convenient) for a few pleasant drives around the suburbs and an occasional committee meeting, and after reporting against the park scheme, brought in a little bill to the county of $10,000 apiece for services. Fifty thousand dollars for—nothing! New-York will have to look to her laurels.

One of the San Francisco papers has a very pretty pricking of the bubble called the British Intercoceanic Railway, by which our alarmed cousins talk of crossing the American Continent in the upper regions, and reducing the power of the Pacific Railroad by a gentle rivalry. It seems a Mr. WAMPMOUGH, owner of a large tract of land at the head of Bute Inlet, opposite the northern end of Vancouver's Island, has been trying to work up an enthusiasm over the scheme in England, backed by the influence of the Canada colonial interest. But, as the *Bulletin* shrewdly observes, his arguments were addressed to the ignorance of his hearers.

"If a road could be built between the fortieth and forty-second parallels, why not on the fifty-fourth? It would not then be located so far north as some of the great British railroads. He did not tell them that so rigorous was the climate from elevation and other isothermal causes, that the line would come into the region of perpetual snow, forty feet deep, and that in the depth of Winter there would not be more than six hours daylight in some of the valleys."

Moreover, the main dependence of the Pacific Railroad, as of all others, must be its local traffic, which is already enormous. But what local traffic would there ever be, at least within a century, among the vast wastes and wildernesses of British Columbia? The *Bulletin* laughs at the supposition that Englishmen will be fools enough to squander their money in the scheme, and thinks it will not be accomplished, "especially if the United States holds San Juan Island, the key of the channel between Bute Inlet and Victoria Harbor."

It is suggested that Gen. JUBAL EARLY, who was once sent "whirling up the Valley," and who has ever since been hovering about the confines of the country, both northern and southern, and writing answers to attacks made upon him in the papers, will now resist, take advantage of the amnesty, and come home. Gen. EARLY has again and again vowed that he would do nothing of the sort; but we guess that, after all, as SHERIDAN's soldiers used to sing, "the year of JUBAL E. has come—Return, ye wandering sinners, home."

At the recent meeting of the New-York Lyceum of Natural History, an announcement was made which may well challenge attention, since it offers an explanation of those meteoric stones and showers of aerolites which have been such puzzles to the philosophers, who could account for them, and which were generally supposed to come from the moon or some wandering planets. Prof. GRAHAM, of the Royal Society of London, has just stated that he has found meteoric iron to be a form of hydrogen—having that gas in its substance. This is one of the most important chemical discoveries of our time, and it has no small claim relative to that of PARKMAN, who found that oxygen is poisonous. Has certainly wonderful to consider that the hardest and most ponderous matter in the system of our world may be hid in the breath that goes in and out of one's lungs; and we may in some degree understand how the world may have been made out of what we call nothing, after all.

The San Francisco *News Letter* does not seem to sympathize with Mr. BURLINGAME's idea of reciprocity in the matter of the Chinese immigration. The latter have done the State some service in California; but the people there have been for some time afraid the Mongolians would overrun them. The Pacific Mail Company which has latterly introduced a great number of Chinese without paying commutation or giving bail, is now sued by Mr. DENN, the Immigrant Commissioner, for the sum of 4,924 such passengers, the amount of which, at $1,000 a head, would amount to near five millions of dollars. The Company claim that the tax is unconstitutional; but the letter of the State Passenger act is plain enough, and though the Colonists are a hard-working, frugal race of men, the help one another and do not become paupers, the ship-owners will no doubt get the worst of it among the lawyers.

A full and accurate necrological record for 1868 is printed this morning on another page of the TIMES. The list is long, and includes the names of many eminent persons who passed away during the year that has just closed.

Matinees To-Day.

Matinée performances will be given to-day in several of the theatres. At PIKE'S OPERA HOUSE Mr. BATEMAN'S troupe will give "Barbe-Bleue" at 2 o'clock, and in the evening "La Grande Duchesse." These popular operas will give place next week to OFFENBACH'S two-act opera bouffe "La Périchole."

At the FRENCH THEATRE two acts of "Genevieve de Brabant" and the first act of "Barbe-Bleue" will be given. After this evening "Genevieve" will be withdrawn to make way for the first performance in America of HERVE'S opera bouffe, "L'Œil Crevé."

"Humpty Dumpty" will be given, as usual, at the Olympic this afternoon and evening, and there will likewise be matinées at the Broadway and New-York Theatres.

The Division of States.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

The rapid increase of States west of the Mississippi will soon give the West a large majority in the Senate of the United States, and the present decrease in the Senate, of Western Senators, may be mitigated considerably, if some of the Sates east of the Alleghanies will consent to subdivision.

The New-England States are sufficiently small and cannot well be subdivided. But New-York and Pennsylvania might each be carved into four or more States.

There is much conflict of interest in these States already, between their eastern and western sections, which is more likely to increase than diminish with the growth of wealth and population.

New-Jersey might likewise be divided into two States. The seven southern counties of New-Jersey have little in common with the rest of the State—while, geographically, they comprise about the same number of square miles. After the next census those counties will be entitled to less than a fourth of the members of Assembly.

In the Convention of 1787, which formed the Constitution of the United States, some of the most distinguished members expressed themselves in favor of dividing the whole thirteen States into thirteen equal parts. They foresaw that at some future time the equality of the small States in the Senate of the United States would be deemed invidious. Their prophetic wisdom is verified by the rising clamor against Delaware and Rhode Island having equal weight in the Senate with New-York and Pennsylvania. New-England's twelve votes in the Senate provoke much idle complaint, and she is threatened with consolidation to correct the evil.

But the time is not distant when the States on the Atlantic will discern their true policy in the increase of States this side the Mountains.

There can be no doubt that small States are governed much more economically, in proportion to their population, than large States. We hear nothing of corruption in Delaware, Vermont and Rhode Island, which disgrace New-York and Pennsylvania. The condition of the people of New-York and Pennsylvania would probably be much improved by the division of those States, though their power in the Senate might be diminished.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 31, 1868. B. F. J.

Sheffield and Tuscaloosa Coal Mining Company.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

WASHINGTON, Thursday, Dec. 31, 1868.

A recent article in your paper relating to a legal controversy between this Company and the English Government is calculated to do the Company great injustice. No suit for non-fulfillment of contract has ever been brought against the Company. The Company re-leased to BON

AFFAIRS IN ENGLAND.

The Season—The New Cabinet—Mr. Tyndall and the Ironclad—Compulsory Book of Parliamentary Debts—The Sultan's Overtures—Religious Topics.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Sydney Malvern, Wednesday, Dec. 16, 1868.

I do not much blame the English for talking about old stories. It is a sale topic, trading on nobody's name, and it is really remarkable. Here, for example, on these green hillsides, this middle of December, the whole vast valley of the Severn travels out under the sunshine, verdant as May. The green and blossoming hedges are shining with the dews of an April-like shower which came and went in five minutes, leaving all serene. Even stubble stands fire in a full blossom on the hoveas, and from roses are in my vases, gathered from the open garden. Turnips and cabbages are growing vigorously in the fields; there has not yet been the faintest dabs at ice, nor the slightest sprinkle of snow. This just now, in English weather—just cold enough to be agreeable, and to allow you to sleep with an open window.

THE NEW CABINET.

The new Cabinet is made, with the round men in the square holes as usual. Mr. Bancroft, for example, is a very round man indeed, and they have actually hit upon the square hole of the Presidency of the Board of Trade. Mr. Lowe is one of the squarest men I know of, right up and down, with very sharp angles, and he has taken the round hole of the Chancellorship of the Exchequer. There may be just one or two heart burnings in this Cabinet. Mr. Lowe defeated Mr. Gladstone a year ago, and neither the Abolitionists who composed him to resign. Now he has taken Mr. Gladstone's old place in the Government, which Mr. Goschen expected. Mr. Bright was abusing Mr. Lowe all last year, and now sits a year below him at the Council board. The Radical mob groaned Mr. Lowe at every great meeting, and in London were ready to tear him in pieces, and now, while their own candidates are everywhere defeated, they find the man they have so hated not only in the Cabinet, but placed above those they most admire. Mr. Lowe, in fact, hooted by the mob, is the master spirit of the Government—a man of more weight and importance than either Gladstone or Bright, because he has more of the confidence of the solid and influential classes.

Right Hon. Robert Lowe, Chancellor of the Exchequer, was born in 1811, the son of a clergyman, and educated at Winchester and Oxford, where he was first-class in classics and second in mathematics in 1833. He was elected a fellow of Magdalen and became one of the best private tutors in the University. He married in 1842, and gave up his fellowship, in accordance with the old rule that no fellow should marry; was called to the bar in 1843, and went to Australia; got a lucrative practice at Sidney, went into politics as a reformer; became one of the Legislative Council, and member for Sidney, and carried the adoption of the Irish national system of education for Australia. Some land speculations made him rich, and he returned to England in 1853 to take a wider sphere in the Imperial Parliament. In 1853, he was Secretary of the Board of Control, in the administration of Lord Aberdeen, and two years later was Vice-President of the Board of Trade under Lord Palmerston, when he introduced measures of reform which were so strongly opposed, that the time-serving old Premier had to throw him over. Some thousand electors of Manchester offered to send him to Parliament free of cost, but he chose to stand for Kidderminster. Here the working classes mobbed him, and though elected, in soon changed his seat for Calne, a nice little pocket borough of the Marquis of Lansdowne. Under Lord Palmerston he became virtually Minister of Education, but resigned in 1864, upon a point of honor, and also commenced those attacks upon Mr. Gladstone, from which I copied so much at the time, and which revealed him in a totally new character—that of a parliamentary debater of unique powers—sarcastic, daring, and logical. He defeated Mr. Gladstone's bill; amended Mr. Disraeli's, and is now, as I have said, the most important man in the new Cabinet.

The moment the members of the new Government accepted their several offices, they lost their seats in the House of Commons. This is a part of the British Constitution. A member of Parliament cannot resign. There are only three ways to get rid of his M. P. and his duties—he can die, or be expelled, or take office—any office, with a few exceptions, from First Lord of the Treasury to the mythical post of Steward of the Chiltern Hundreds, which may have existed in the dark ages, but are now supposed to be somewhere at the bottom of the sea. In consequence of this remarkable provision of an unwritten, unofficial, and for the most part mythical, but not the less venerated British Constitution, the Cabinet, or a large part of those who are in the House, have to be reelected. It is but a form, indeed—but they are forms as much as Her Majesty is a ceremony—and Mr. Gladstone has gone to Greenwich, and Mr. Bright to Birmingham, and the rest where they belong, and the form of a new election—of course without opposition—is to be gone through with. I would explain on this matter, but it is of no use, no one but a born Briton can see the sense of such a proceeding. It is one of those mysteries into which we unenlightened foreigners never penetrate.

And now, what next? as the sailor said when he was blown up. I beg pardon, but there is a come sort of sentiment about it all. This Parliament, confessedly the most undistinguished, middle-aged, Philistine, and unmedical of all Parliaments—a heavy pudding with nearly all the plums and spice left out—has been elected simply to disestablish the Irish Church. It is said, by perhaps the majority of thinking men in England, that the Church of England and Ireland exists only as constituted by law, and as a department of the State. Every function is by act of Parliament. The Book of Common Prayer, with its creeds, rubrics, liturgy and articles, were enacted by Parliament—then in full a section is an act which was several times amended. I do not say this is so, but this is the theory of a large party, and consequently the repeal of such an act is simply destructive. Repeal the act which made the Church, and the Church itself, as an institution, exists no longer. The men are there, but the persons are no longer Bishops, the clergy have no living, the whole fabric is resolved into its component elements, and this is what Mr. Gladstone is to do for the Irish Church, and for the Scotch and English as well, in the session. Of course those who choose to do so can meet and form a new society, elect bishops and appoint clergymen, but in the Establishment the Church would be nowhere, and in any case there will be only one or more voluntary associations. Looking at the matter in this light, people are reluctant to take the first step, but Mr. Gladstone is pledged—the whole Liberal Party is pledged, and willy nilly must act about it. Their Frankenstein is hard after them. But it is among the possibilities that there may be enough who will shrink from the work, to remove or dread, to defeat the bill, and bring back Mr. Disraeli.

NO-POPERY AND ITS INFLUENCE.

The no-Popery cry was not so powerless in England as many supposed. It defeated Mr. Gladstone in Lancashire, where Murray had maddened many. "Hi, ye memory the Church," many honest people say, "shut your eye on Rome! One grand Bethedrale, one noble old abbey, our parish churches will go into the hands of those who hate them; our pretty moments raise may be restored to use, instead of being a show for pic-nic visitors." And though the English are not the most logical people in the world, they can see that the arguments of Mr. Gladstone and Mr. Bright against the Irish Church, may soon become quite as good against the English. A very strong pressure will, therefore, be brought to bear upon members of Parliament. They will go into London society—or do their wives still more. This was what they spent so much money for in getting elected. They will be invited to dinner parties, and evening parties in Mayfair and Tyburnia, Belgravia, and Pimlico, and will be beset by all sorts of temptations. A holy crusade will be inspired in a hundred drawing-rooms, and some cool cooking at home, while bright eyes are watching from the ladies' galleries in the House, Mr. Gladstone may find himself in the lobby with a minority!

The Conservatives made hay in the sunshine. They had been cut in the and so long that it seemed as if virtue must be its own reward forever—which is not a comfortable consideration. But Mr. Disraeli has gained honors and offices, dignities and emoluments of all kinds upon his hungry party. He has made a viscount, a duke, an earl, one peer, an archbishop, several bishops, and lesser dignities and offices, without number. Every department has its share of Conservatives, and the very hacks [illegible] THE POLITICAL HORIZON.

If there were no Atlantic Telegraph, I might expand a little on the prospect. You have read, sooner than I, perhaps, the rejection of the Turkish ultimatum by Greece. It seems obvious enough that Greece could not take such a position, if there was not something very solid behind her. The Times has to-day, also, a long article on a missionary war, which, at last date, seemed on the point of breaking out in China, while Mr. Burlingame and his fellow-ambassadors are waiting quietly for something to turn up, at their grand hotel in Pimlico. The Times complains that England, which wants nothing to do with missionary enterprises, which has found herself to a policy of non-interference in India, should be involved in costly wars, every now and then, as lately in Abyssinia, by volunteer missionaries, who go where they have no business to go, do what they have no right to do, get into trouble, and expect the nation to come to their rescue.

The present difficulty is this. The Chinese have a pious but absurd practice of worshipping their ancestors—paying them some sort of little understood veneration—perhaps hanging up their portraits on their walls, or keeping their photographs on the mantel piece—possibly invoking their prayers and good offices as the Greeks or Roman Catholics do those of the Saints. The missionaries have been ridiculing this practice, whatever it is, and preaching against it, and the Chinese have done much as the English would if the case were turned about—much as they do when a Palmer Jesuitess says what does not suit Lombard street. The Chinese mobbed the missionaries, and the English have gone with three war vessels to take the part of their meddling countrymen, and put down the evil practice of paying respect to one's ancestors—the other all may not deserve it. The Chinese had better give up their ancestors and treat them as we do ours. But the stupid, pig-headed and pig-tailed people are as likely as not to persist and fight about it.

RELIGIOUS TOPICS.

They have buried and eulogized the late Archbishop of Canterbury; the Ritualists have had "high celebrations" for the repose of his soul, and have also shouted without stint his Low Church Erastian Colonial successor. Blessings are said to brighten as they pass their flight, but the departed Primate, who was made a lame duck in the Ritualistic race and malicious and and pursing in his 80th year, seems to have left some very sharp claws behind him in the shape of a posthumous charge, prepared or partly prepared for delivery, and published with his death, apparently by a clergyman who had the chief hand in its preparation. The Church Times, I find, does not spare this charge, the Parthian arrow of the defunct Primate. It says:

"Thirty-one pages out of the forty-five of which the document consists, are devoted to nearly unqualified denunciation of the Ritualists, and to setting forth, in language more remarkably intrusive and confused than common, the Protestant heresy of the Real Absence. Without these out of place and disjointed pleas, a charge of the kind (and there may be some little doubt, seemingly amounting to blame, lies as to the conduct of those Puritan ecclesiastics who err by defect, and about two pages contain all that is starved in contrast of the said Judicial school."

The Primate argues that the vestments are illegal, because so long unused. The reply is, that by this rule daily prayer would be illegal, for, through of positive requirement, it was discontinued for centuries.

"Not a Bishop since the Reformation has dared to ask for it in his Visitation, not a trace of it is to be seen in any cathedral outside of Oxford, till the Oxford movement."

The Primate goes on to deprecate the rudeness and self-will of the Ritualists who have brought the Church into the present condition, and his entire reporter:

"And this from a man who was already a Bishop in the days when, as Mr. Gladstone has said in his recent *Chapter of Autobiography*, the Church of England exhibited more utter indecision, alone, neither a Protestantism nor a Catholicism to be possibly in any time or place. Out of that Slough of Despond she was dragged by the very school which, an unpatriotic Episcopate writes, "a The despised, sickly, rotten Church of 1830 was, to some, more beautiful in Dr. Longman's eyes than the resplendent Church and Prelacy of 1868, which has shattered the affections of her faithfulness and the respect of her opponents."

The Primate condemns extreme confession, but the Ritualist writer declares that

"It is emphatically an Anglican doctrine, upheld by Laud, Bramhall, Jewell, Parker, Overall, Andrewes, Hooper, Bishop Sanderson, Cosin, Taylor, Montague, Hall, Cosin, Barrow, Morton, Cudworth, Barnet, Horne and many others, to say nothing of its express recognition in the Prayer Book. & c. And, observe, confession is so rooted now, that no one means absolute. For every Anglican has persons who needs his counsel. Five hundred dare as at the present day, and it has been late to the least respectable of our Bishops to make a last impotent attempt to suppress the natural medicine of souls."

I cannot see that much is left of the dead Archbishop, and hope he may benefit by the high celebrations.

I am aware of the progress made in these matters in a portion, at least, of the American branch—or the American portion of the English branch; but I cannot always rid myself of a painful apprehension that all the arrangements are not perfected for properly carrying out the system. For example, how are they off for confessionals? Taking young ladies into the vestry is the way not to do it. Here is the proper sort of thing:

"Every Church ought to have attached to it a priest's room, not in any sense a vestry or robing room, but fitted up as a study, with fireplace, book-cases, chairs, &c., where the clergyman can feel at home and get work even when no call is made on him. This room, should have two doors—an outer one, leading to the street, an inner one, opening into the church, and it should be absolutely private. The confessional can be easily and suitably provided for in this way. Protestants are quite right in objecting to those passages and recesses in cathedrals and churches; Catholics are quite as right in objecting to fuss and delay. Both evils are avoided by the simple plan of having, by the vestry wall between the church and the priest's room, a grating, closed with a shutter, at a small height from the ground, with a bell-pull beside it, and a kneeling-stool in the church. The person desiring to confess has merely to ring the bell, the shutter is opened, and the priest sees himself, in his own room, at the kneeling, and hears what his penitent wishes to say. There is no mysterious secrecy, no crazy appointment of time and place, the doctor of souls is found in his consulting-room, and all difficulty, as well as all room for scandal, is removed."

Nothing, assuredly, could be more comfortable and convenient for all parties concerned.

We are now at the crisis of the Ritualistic movement. If Parliament and the new Archbishop of Canterbury join to crush it, the explosion will come. The last act of the Bishop of London has been to withdraw his license to preach from Father Ignatius, because he had dissuaded an excommunicated young lady for breaking her vow of chastity and believed by Ignatius herself. The Times has commenced its fighting in a leading hall. If Mr. Gladstone is High as he is reported to be, he may be able to head off Disraeli, and hold the warring elements in check a little longer. In order to be prepared for all emergencies of disestablishment or otherwise, the Pope has removed an Archbishop and a bishop, and appointed Monsignor Rese, as Papal Delegate, or an old Catholic family well known to all visitors to Rome.

As to the appointment of Dr. Tait to the English [illegible] it is now asserted that it was a compromise. It is not known who the Bishops of Oxford and Ely may have recommended by the Bishops of Oxford, but the Queen, it is said, her favorite Dean Stanley, but was told that to raise a man so far a dissenter to the primacy was impossible. Now, as nothing even approximate was done in Ecclesiastical matters, in accordance with long established precedent, there was nothing for it but to fall back on good Dr. Tait, who, as a Low-Church Erastian, was the least antagonistic for an outsider to Ritualism. If the truth could be really known, it would probably turn out that the Queen is a mystic of the school of Somerset, whose works she sifted many years ago, or a spiritualist, and that if she could really appoint an Archbishop of Canterbury without consulting any one, her choice would fall upon the celebrated medium, Mr. Daniel Home.

BONADHOCK.

SPAIN.

Disquieting Rumors—Surrender of Cadiz—An Unlivelihood Ally—Chances and Tendencies of the Late Outbreak.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Madrid, Sunday, Dec. 13, 1868.

Yesterday was a day of great suspense and anxiety here. The uncertainty attending the result of the Cadiz affair, the menace of the Republican journals, and the reported threatening attitude of the working classes, all tended to keep the public mind on the stretch. Apart from the Volunteers of Liberty, who have sworn to maintain public order at any cost, visited the various quarters at which workmen are employed, and found them peaceably pursuing their avocations. Happily, therefore, any cause for apprehension on their account was dissipated for the moment. As the day advanced, the dismal obtained fresh ground of encouragement. From every part of the country telegraphic dispatches came pouring in to the Government protesting against the proceedings of the Cadiz insurgents, and tendering offers of support. It is true that wholesale promises of this kind are no new thing to Spanish administrations, and that they are not considered of much account in a calculation of their stability. In the present instance, however, they helped to reassure the weak nerves which had been disturbed by the threats of the Republican organs, and the good effect was confirmed. About 8 o'clock by the receipt of two dispatches from Cadiz, one stating that the chiefs of the rebel fleet had escaped, and that the rebels themselves were in a state of the greatest discouragement, and the other begging Admiral Topete to hasten to that city, as it was thought that his presence would at once put an end to all further thoughts of resistance on their part. It also became known that three delegates from Cadiz, Mr. Burgoso, Bizcot and Farron, had arrived to confer with the Government on the part of the populates of that city, and confidence at once succeeded to the feelings of doubt and anxiety which still maintained their hold in the breasts of some. The sense of escape from a great danger was rendered all the more grateful from the fact that at the station of the Northern Railway a seizure had been effected of twenty-two cases of muskets, two cases of revolvers, one of swords, and another containing spoils to the amount of 18,000,000 reals, all of which were addressed to different parts of Andalusia. The most ridiculous stories were circulated in connection with these discoveries. One was to the effect that the United States was at the bottom of the Cadiz insurrection, and that the American Consul had announced that if the Government attempted to bombard Cadiz he would make American citizens of all the inhabitants of the town, and would call in a squadron which he had lying at Gibraltar, awaiting his orders, to protect them. Such is the ignorance prevailing here among all classes regarding the principles and policy of our Government, but more particularly in connection with Cuba, which is assumed to be the motive for these extraordinary proceedings on our part.

SURRENDER OF CADIZ.

It is not probable that before the hour at which the mail closes (8 o'clock) I shall be able to send you the particulars of the surrender. They will hardly reach here before evening. As the insurgents, abandoned by their chiefs, have yielded at discretion, there is nothing untoward with the peaceable consummation of this event. The sentiment of the American Consul is very much praised, as he, more than any one, has contributed to bring it about. One of the first propositions of the insurgents was to deposit their arms in his hands, but to this Gen. de Rosas would not consent, declaring that they must be deposited in the arsenal and military warehouses.

MORE REPUBLICAN EXCESSES.

While this triumph of the Government over its Republican opponents is in process of being accomplished, the more violent wing of the organization is committing indiscretions which will still further injure the cause. The *Republicanos*, for example, which is the organ of this section of the party, is circulating by thousands a sheet proclaiming the following principles:

"1. That the existence of the Provisional Government is not legal, seeing that it owed its nomination to the Madrid Junta, which held its powers merely from the capital and not from the nation.

2. That the Government had betrayed the Revolution of September, because it had placed the dependence in its proceedings merely one political group.

3. That the Government of Spain only is not and cannot be the expression of public opinion.

4. That the Revolutionary Junta should be reorganized by universal suffrage, that a Central Junta should be elected by the Provincial ones, and that this Supreme Junta should name a new Ministry.

This would be a short way of getting at the Republic if it were practicable, but as it is not, it only serves the purpose of exasperation. Fortunately the great majority of the Republican Party do not sympathize with such proceedings. They are now about to meet to prepare a manifesto proclaiming the maintenance of public order as the essential condition of liberty, and of the success of their ideas. It is devoutly to be hoped that they will succeed in impressing this conviction on all the other members of the organization.

AN UNIVERSAL ALLY.

People here are laughing at the promptness of the Duke de Montpensier to profit by the unfortunate affair of Cadiz, and at the manner in which the Government has been compelled to snub him. He decided that the Cadiz revolt had made his pretensions sure, and he had no objection to assist at a measure as the first step to their realization. Nothing can be more undignified or contemptible than the conduct of this Prince. There could be no guarantee for the liberties of a people who would accept such a ruler. His last bid for the people is reported to be a subscription for the third part of the loan. I trust the Spanish people will pocket the affront and leave him in the lurch.

REPUBLICAN DEFENCES AT CADIZ.

It was affirmed by the Government journals that the insurgents at Cadiz only possessed a very small portion of the city, and that there were but few barricades. So far was this from being the fact, that they held more than two-thirds of the town, and had erected barricades everywhere with the large blocks of stone with which the streets are paved. Niches were also taken in gunstitles to the upper stories of the houses, to be flung down on the soldiers. It is stated that the house in which some members of the family of the Minister of Marine were hourly dreaded, was mined, and was intended to be blown up. This I believe to have been merely a story concocted to operate on the fears of the Minister. The defence seems to have been well organized, and if the movement had been followed by corresponding outbreaks throughout the country, which was said to have been the intention, there is no knowing what might have been the result. It is fortunate for the Republicans that it was so soon crushed. It would have wrecked the plans of the more intelligent and patriotic members of the party. As it is, they will have some difficulty in overcoming the prejudices which this resort to violence will raise in the minds of many who might otherwise have been disposed to join them. The People, a Republican organ, to which I have made indirect reference, so strongly confirms this view of the case that it is to be scoped in argument is will be listened to:

"Whatever may be the causes and the tendencies of the Cadiz transgression," says that journal, "the reason and conscience of honest people will condemn their authors as madmen and as bandits. These scenes of violence and the shedding of blood cause us horror and pain. What alone seems to us comprehensible, what is scarcely a pretext, matters thus although that protest may be liberty, and when these scenes are followed by murderous attempts, they find neither excuse nor pardon nor attenuation among free nations. They are the bomb of order, the scandal of liberty, and the assassination of the country."

Wholesome words these. Let us hope that their influence will be felt on those to whom they are addressed.

Indictment for Treason.

The Richmond Dispatch says the following is a complete list of the indictments for treason now in file in the office of the clerk of the United States Circuit Court: for the District of Virginia:

Jefferson Davis, John C. Breckinridge, Judge Henry W. Thomas, Ex-Gov. William Smith, Gen. Wade Hampton, Gen. Benjamin Huger, Ex-Gov. S. A. Wise, Gen. Samuel Cooper, Gen. G. W. C. Lee, Gen. Fitzhugh Lee, Gen. R. E. Lee, Secretary G. W. Randolph, Gen. Wm. Mahone, Richard S. Ewell, Lieut.-Gen. Pillsbury Lee, Wm. B. Taylor, Oscar P. Baxter, Gen. W. Alexander, Gen. Hugh Kunton, R. M. Rook, C. H. D. Cosse, John R. Dabney, Gen. Roger A. Pryor, Major D. B. Bridgford, Gen. Jubal A. Early, Gen. Richard Ewell, Thos. F. Turner, Wm. E. Winder, Hon. Sam. Goodwin, Gen. Rocker, William H. Payne, Cornelius Boyle, Richard S. Andrews, Wm. B. Richards, Hon. Geo. J. Pendleton, R. E. Tyler, Henry, W. N. McVeigh, and R. B. Tyler.

Note pressed have been entered in the case of Rob. Thos. E. Novell and Judge Robert Ould.

ARKANSAS.

The Condition of Affairs in the States—Why the Militia Was Called Out—Letter Lester From Hon. Thomas Boles, Congressman from the Third District.

To the Editor of the Washington Chronicle:

In an article in the *Sunday Express* of the 20th inst., devoted to misrepresentation of affairs in Arkansas, occurs the following language: "Is it not enough to make the blood of the white man boil to read the accounts which come up from that State (Arkansas?)" I would answer, it is indeed, but for different reasons than those assigned by the sheet from which the extract is taken. It is enough to make a man's blood boil to read the lying accounts in rebel Democratic papers; but when those articles are copied and recopied by the Republican Press, one is at a loss to express his feelings. It should be remembered that the disputches are sent by agents of the Associated Press, who are either rebels or directly in their interest. It may be asked why these reports are not contradicted.

The reason is that the reply would not be sent by the Associated Press; and, so far as that reply would be purely individual enterprise, as individual expense, and would reach only the papers to which they were sent. The reports currently circulated through the country represent the militia as prowling, predatory bands, composed of negroes, and commanded by irresponsible parties, whose only business is to devastate the State, plundering and murdering as they go. The people of the country, might well conclude, from such reports currently given in all the Northern papers, that the white rebels of Arkansas are the best abused men in the world.

The only facts recorded are that there is a militia force in Arkansas, and that it has proved somewhat troublesome; that it has been placed under martial law. The other portions of these reports are pure fabrications. I will not prosecute at any length on your columns with a statement of the reasons why martial law was proclaimed and the militia called into service, but will very briefly state a few of them. In several of the counties the civil officers have been forced to resign, and in some instances even composed by the Sheriffs to recommend members of that organization for the positions thus made vacant.

During the months of August, September and October some twenty leading Republicans were either murdered or severely wounded by these lawless white men, among the victims were Hon. James Hinds, Hon. A. E. Johnson, Capt. Mason, Hon. Joseph Brooks and Hon. Stephen Wakefield. In addition to these, over one hundred colored men were brutally murdered for political reasons. Notwithstanding these outrages were known throughout the State, the agents of the Democratic Press did not give them to the public, nor did the special correspondent of the Memphis *Avalanche* have a word to say on the subject, except in the case of the murder of Hon. James Hinds and wounding of Hon. Joseph Brooks, which was grossly misrepresented. It was stated that the victim was a Republican; and that these two men were especially objectionable to the Radical Party. This statement was made when it was well known that the assassin was a fellow by the name of Clark, who was Secretary of the Monroe County Democratic Committee. The fact that Clark was the murderer was found by the unanimous verdict of the Coroner's jury. It is also remembered that previous to calling out the militia, not a single case of retaliation on the part of the Union man has ever been charged.

The murderers, in many cases were known, and were allowed to live in perfect security in the communities in which the outrages were committed. Every attempt was made to deal with them by the civil laws. Juries were empanelled, but witnesses were murdered, killed or driven off by these desperadoes and their friends. The most notorious of these assassins rode over the country making speeches by invitation, in which they boasted of their outrages. In every part of the State, leading rebels were continually counseling opposition to the State Government and the laws of the United States. Men were expelled by the scores from the good opinion of their persecuted individuals. Gov. Clayton's office was daily besieged by refugees begging protection from the State in their rights under its laws. Daily the mails brought to him petitions numerously signed by loyal men, both white and colored, pleading with him to defend them in their lives and property.

Thus backed, Gov. Clayton made use of the means in his hands to ascertain the truth of the statements made, and when fully convinced that civil law could not be enforced in these counties, he, as a last resort, declared martial law and called out the militia, in which he was sustained by the unanimous vote of the Legislature. The militia first sent to the service were all white men, most of whom have seen service in the United States volunteer army during the late war.

These were attacked by an organized band in Sevier County, one of their number killed, and several wounded, among the latter a Congressman, who had encouraged and organized the colored refugees into the militia force. I should be surprised.

I know that Gov. Clayton's orders are very strict in regard to maintaining discipline, and respecting private property, when not found in the hands of armed men or bands in opposition to law. Let it be remembered that during the three months referred to, not a single one of the rebel assassins was punished by the civil or any other law. They had full sway, and carried out their damnable schemes without fear of molestation, knowing they had passive, if not active, support from the political circles in which they live. Gov. Clayton was loth to call out the militia, during the canvass, fearing it might be misconstrued into an electioneering scheme, and long before the discredit of a Government which did not protect its citizens, and only consented when all other hopes of good order failed. Heretofore since the war it has been peace to the rebel, because he has not been molested; but it has been war to the loyal man, for not a day passed in which some of their number did not fall by the hand of the rebel assassin. After having been thus goaded to desperation, the Union men have finally resolved to have peace at all hazards. They propose to go just far enough with the militia to defeat their ends, and will, whether the militia so desire or not, they will be able to so doing. The Union men are not influenced in this move by malice. Their only aim is the enforcement of the laws which guarantee equal protection to all persons. The object is certainly laudable, and the determination to carry it out is unanimable. We ask the sympathy and support of the loyal men of the country, and claim that our forbearance has entitled us to such consideration.

I may add, in conclusion, that private advices from reliable sources clearly show that the course being pursued is having a very salutary effect. Many of the best of those who were rebels during the war and have since opposed our Government are now in claims in favor of acknowledging the Government of the State as a properly-constituted Government, and that it is the duty of all good citizens to submit to its authority. This end we sought for by all other means before calling on the military. If the foregoing will only cause the loyal men of the country to fully investigate our conditions, and weigh the testimony before forming their conclusions, my object in writing will be fully attained.

Very respectfully, THOMAS BOLES.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 23, 1868.

A SCHOOL-GIRL HEIRESS.

Suit of Dr. McKinley to Recover His Child from a Catholic School.

From the Louisville Courier-Journal, Dec. 29.

The habeas corpus case in the Circuit Court, for the restoration to her father of E. J. Lyon McKinley, a little girl 12 years of age, who is heiress to over $1,000,000, was to have come up yesterday, but Judge Bunce being absent, another day must now be set for its hearing. The circumstances of the case, so far as developed, are about as follows:

Dr. Samuel B. McKinley, son of Judge McKinley, formerly Judge of the Supreme Court of the United States, and United States Judge of this circuit, was residing and practicing his profession at New-Orleans when that city was captured by the Federal army. He was retained as surgeon for the Confederate sick, and was afterward retained for the United States service. The Doctor married a very wealthy heiress, a Miss Mouzeon, of Louisiana, by whom he has two children, one a boy named James, who is now with him in St. Louis, and the other a little girl named E. J. Lyon McKinley. The mother died some time during the infancy of the girl, the Doctor, in 1864, moved to New-Albany, Ind., taking with him his two children. About a year ago last Winter he removed to this city, where he remained till some time in 1867, and becoming desirous of going back to New-Orleans to look after his property, left his little daughter at the Ursuline Academy, a Catholic female school in this city, for education, sending her from time to time money to pay her expenses. Before, or about the time of vacation, the Doctor, having moved and established himself in St. Louis, requested Judge Taylor to send by Adams Express his little daughter to him, the Reverend Superior objecting to undertake the care and custody of the child. When Judge Taylor applied for the child, the Superior of the Academy objected to letting her go till her tuition should be fully paid. The Doctor, on learning this, declared he had sent by mail the amount, and then came for her himself. His surprise and grief were great when he found he had obtain a lien on the child for their money, he sued out a writ of habeas corpus before the Hon. Judge Bunce. The Mother superior of the Academy answering the writ, stated that the girl was named Lucrin Emmet; that she was not the Doctor's daughter; that she was 15 years of age, and that the Doctor was drunken and totally unfit to control the child. This answer was adjudged insufficient, and the respondent was required to state the time and the means by which respondent obtained possession of the child; that a mere allegation that the Doctor was not her father was no ground for respondent to retain her. Another response has been prepared by the Mother Superior, to show that the child is not the daughter of Dr. McKinley, and that he is an infidel, a gambler, and a drunkard, that he is an unfit person to take charge of her. It is alleged that the girl dressed with the name of Dr. McKinley, and that he was at the time married to Miss Floyd County, Ind., for marrying her. The Doctor is said to be in St. Louis, ready at a moment's notice.

In the City Court yesterday, Commonwealth's Attorney Cowan asked for a rule, requiring Dr. McKinley to show cause why the girl should not be bound out, and the matter will come up to-day before Judge Guard.

The Late Count De Beurmelt.

From the Richmond Dispatch, Dec. 31.

We noticed briefly, a day or two since, the death of the Russian Count De Beurmelt, at his residence in this city, on the 19th inst. Like many others who have tendered the hospitality of despotic rulers, in consequence of their ideas of liberty and their action to secure it, Count De Beurmelt left the country of the Emperor Nicholas, and was obliged to leave his native land. He came to this country in 1849. Count De Beurmelt was partly born and inherited a large and valuable estate near Moscow, together with 200 serfs; rid of an early age he joined the army and was in the campaign against the Turks in 1828. He distinguished himself in the army, and was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. On his return to St. Petersburg, filled with ideas of liberty which he could not suppress, he unencouraged his cards. In 1848, when Nicholas succeeded to the throne, the Count comprehended himself in the disfranchisement of that year, and was obliged to leave his native country and all his possessions, and seek in other countries that liberty of thought and action denied to him in his own. He reached Hamburg in safety, and soon began to realize the embarrassment of his situation. Accustomed to wealth and luxury, he now found it necessary to do something to procure the means of subsistence. He was a proficient in eight or ten languages, and thought of offering himself as a teacher, but very soon abandoned the idea. He had cultivated somewhat a taste of drawing, and one day while examining an ivory miniature, the thought occurred to him to make an effort to paint miniatures. His first attempt was the production of a miniature correct likeness of a young lady who was his only sitting. These he sold, and in a short time his works attracted the attention of prominent officers in the Danish army, by whom he was introduced to the Court of the King of Denmark, and recommended to the King of Prussia. Subsequently Count De Beurmelt removed to Paris, where he continued to attract great notice as an artist. His paintings, which were exhibited at the Crystal Palace, at the World's Fair, in London, 1862, won the first premium. He was subsequently employed to paint the royal family of Great Britain.

In 1859 the Count carried out the strong desire he had long entertained of visiting the United States, where free institutions had always charmed him. He visited many parts of this country, lecturing frequently, and often for the benefit of some charitable object. For several years he resided in this City, and was universally esteemed by all who knew him. He was a man of amiable disposition, and extremely temperate in all his habits. Count De Beurmelt leaves a wife, but no children.

The Address of Nellie Grant.

From the Washington Chronicle, Dec. 31.

The following is the address of Miss Nellie Grant after being crowned Queen at the party given at the residence of the Italian Minister, Chevalier Marcel Cerruti, on Monday evening last:

My Beloved Subjects: I feel greatly rejoiced to find myself on this happy occasion surrounded by my faithful subjects. I assume the crown and rule of "Nellie the First," and I promise to reign over you inspired always with the spirit of mercy and justice. I begin my administration by an act of generosity and benevolence. I have ordered my Prime Minister to prepare for you many prizes in a lottery which I destine for you. Each of you may approach my throne, and I will confer upon you a number corresponding to a prize. The prizes are distributed among the Ministers of State. We have had many Christmas trees and many presents. There are still some aunts and uncles that have not performed their duty, but we hope that they will do so without obliging us to resort to severe measures. My relations with foreign Powers are cordial and friendly. I have received from all parts precious letters of friendship—from England a large cake; from Portuguese many oranges; Italy has sent me a large bag of chestnuts; Greece has honored me with boxes of raisins; Turkey has presented me with a large Havana; Spain, Spain's noble nation has made grapes; and France has sent boxes of champagne; the African Princes have sent many dates; other nations have shown an equally generous disposition. I must now call your attention to a very important matter. Having neither desire nor heart than the happiness of my people, I have decided upon choosing a husband, and my royal mother has fallen on Severino Tecanzon, whom I order you to love and esteem. From this moment I confer upon him the title of "The Duke of Gaeta and Prince of Sugar-plums." I hope that next year we shall again be reunited, and that I shall then be able, as now, to announce to you the happiness of my subjects. I conclude, again desiring to shower upon my country. I have ordered my Ministers to place all my presents on the table for a royal banquet, to which I invite you.

Interesting Returns—The Gas Companies and the Hotels.

Below we give some interesting figures showing the number of cubic feet of gas supplied to the City by the different gas companies for the month of November, and their approximate aggregate revenues.

We also give a list showing the annual sum paid, as rental tax, for the various hotels in the City—being 5 per cent. of the annual rent.

GAS COMPANIES.

The following table gives the number of cubic feet of gas furnished by each of the different companies for the month of November:

Name of Companies.	No. of Cubic Feet.
Manhattan Gas Company	32,422,317
New-York Gas Company	56,661,404
Metropolitan Gas Company	30,057,016
Harlem Gas Company	2,845,000
Total	121,975,737

This is for the month of November alone. The tax levied is 25 cents on every 1,000 cubic feet, which would amount to $32,993 43 for the month, or nearly $350,000 a year. Taking November as an average month, and the amount of gas consumed during the other months of the year, we have a total of about 2,600,000,000 cubic feet, or as many cubic feet as the national debt amounts to—dollars.

HOTELS.

The following table shows the amount of rental tax paid by the different hotels in the City. All hotels having a yearly rental of $300 and upward are taxed $5 on each $100, so that, by glancing over this table, and making a calculation, it is easy to ascertain what the rent amounts to on each:

Fifth Avenue Hotel	$4,100
St. Nicholas Hotel	4,010
New-York Hotel	3,600
Metropolitan Hotel	3,100
Hoffman Hotel	2,800
Clarendon Hotel	1,400
St. James Hotel	1,400
Grand Central Hotel	1,370
Gramercy Park Hotel	1,300
Everett House	1,200
Grand Union Hotel	1,100
Clarendon Hotel, No. 18 Broadway	1,000
Park's Hotel	900
Bond Street Hotel	800
Astor House	800
St. Leland, Nos. 4 and 6 Washington-place	800
Brandreth House	800
Western Hotel	700
St. Charles, No. 112 Chambers-street	600
St. Charles Hotel	600
Mansion House	600
Bleecker House	600
Springer House	600
Welcome House	600
Chester House	600
Metropolitan Hotel, Barrett, No. 341 Bowery-street	600
Bowery House	600
Prince Street Hotel, Nos. 105 and 107 Prince-street	600
Irving House	600
Samuel B. Mead, No. 97 East Twenty-third-street	600
Ashland House	500
Ashland House	500
Continental Hotel	500
Westchester House	500
Metropolitan Exchange Hotel	500
St. Germain Hotel	500
Pacific Hotel	500
Astor House	500
Jones' House	500
Washington House	400
R. Wolcott & Co., No. 88 Fourth-avenue	400
R. Maillard, No. 651 Broadway	400
Stevens House	400
West Hotel	400
Hamilton House	400
Pearl Street Hotel, Nos. 104 and 106 Beekman-street	400
Sailors' Retreat, No. 11 Cherry-street	400
Eastern Exchange, No. 61 Merchant-street	400
R. Simmons, No. 1, Front-street	400
United States Hotel	400
Tremont House	400
Powers' Hotel	400
Muller & Hendricks, No. 29 Greenwich-street	400
Lynch's Hotel	400
J. A. and F. Bonn & Co., No. 64 Wall-street	400
Park Hotel	400
Chatham Hotel	400
D. Buchanan, No. 352 Pearl-street	400
Lovejoy's Hotel	400

This list contains the principal hotels of the City, and will give a good idea of what rents are. A little calculation will show that the Fifth-avenue Hotel brings the highest rent, its agency being $20,540 per year. The St. Nicholas is next, the rent being $20,200. The New-York Hotel is the third on the list, and the Metropolitan the fourth. But these hotels are not included, they being returned as restaurants.

The Plymouth Pulpit Lectures.—Dr. William Parker will deliver the first and last lecture, on "The House We Live in," commencing evening, in the Bethel of Plymouth Church, Hicks-street.

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No. 14 Nassau-st.

OFFICE OF THE CALIFORNIA PACIFIC RAILROAD CO.,
No. 74 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Dec. 18, 1867.
THE COUPONS OF THE FIRST MORTGAGE SEVEN PER CENT. BONDS OF THE CALIFORNIA PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY, due Jan. 1, 1868, will be paid in gold coin on presentation at the Park National Bank, on and after that date.
WM. F. ROBINSON, Agent C. P. R. R.

SOWLES BROTHERS & CO.,
BANKERS AND COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
NO. 12 RUE DE LA PAIX, PARIS,
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No. 35 State-st., Boston.
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Buffalo City.
Chicago City Municipal.
Chicago City Water Loan.
Chicago City Tunnel.
Charleston Gas Light Company.
Jackson Gas Light Pipe Co. Bonds.
Missouri State, issued to Hannibal and St. Joseph Railroad.
Hannibal and St. Joseph Railroad, "Conv ertible."
Hannibal and St. Joseph Railroad Fifteen Year Bonds.

SECURITY BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 17, 1867.
THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR FIFTEEN directors and three inspectors of election of this Bank will be held at the Banking-house, No. 94 Broadway, on TUESDAY, Jan. 8, 1868, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M.
JOHN VAN ORDEN, Cashier.

THE CORN EXCHANGE INSURANCE COMPANY,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 20, 1867.
THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of the Company for the ensuing year will be held at their office, No. 124 Broadway, on MONDAY, the 6th day of January, 1868. Polls open from 12 noon to 1 P. M.
PETER TAIT, Secretary pro tem.

THE BANK OF NEW-YORK,
NATIONAL BANKING ASSOCIATION,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 20, 1867.
THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Bank will be held at the banking house, on TUESDAY, the 14th day of January, 1868. Polls open from 12 M. to 1 P. M.
W. H. NEWKIRK, Cashier.

TRADERS' NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 20, 1867.
THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Bank will be held at the banking house, No. 20 Broad-st., corner Exchange-place, on TUESDAY, Jan. 14, 1868, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 o'clock P. M.
J. H. STOUT, Cashier.

OFFICE OF THE MANHATTAN GAS-LIGHT CO.,
MALDEN, Dutchess County, New-York, Dec. 20, 1867.
THE ANNUAL ELECTION OF TRUSTEES of this Company, and inspectors of the next annual election, will be held at the office of the Company, on MONDAY, the 13th day of January next. Polls open at 12 o'clock M. and close at 1 P. M.
H. SOGARDUS, Secretary.

IMPORTERS' AND TRADERS' NATIONAL BANK OF NEW-YORK, New-York, Dec. 21, 1867.
HOLDERS OF THE COUPONS OF THE HENDERSVILLE AND CHATTANOOGA RAILROAD COMPANY, due Jan. 1, 1868, are requested to present them for payment at this Bank.
S. E. PERKINS, Jr., Cashier.

STATE OF MISSOURI INTEREST.—NATIONAL BANK OF COMMERCE, New-York, Dec. 24, 1867.—The coupons due 1st of January next from bonds issued or guaranteed by the State of Missouri (except those payable at the National and St. Louis, Hannibal, and St. Joseph Railroad) will be paid on presentation at this Bank after that date.
E. F. FALL, Cashier.

EIGHTH NATIONAL BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 13, 1867.
THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this bank will be held at the banking-house, No. 250 Broadway, on TUESDAY, Jan. 12, 1868, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M.
GEAR. HUDSON, Cashier.

NATIONAL SHOE AND LEATHER BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 20, 1867.
THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Bank will be held at the banking-house, No. 299 Broadway, on TUESDAY, Jan. 14, 1868, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M.
C. H. CRANE, Cashier.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
NASHVILLE, TENN., Dec. 21, 1867.
THE JANUARY INTEREST ON OUR STATE DEBT will be paid at the Fourth National Bank, New-York.
C. W. MACKNIGHT, Comptroller.

THE BREADWAY'S NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 20, 1867.
THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS will be held on TUESDAY, Jan. 12, from 10 M. to 2 P. M.
ANTHONY HALEY, Cashier.

ATHENS COUNTY, (OHIO) COUPONS, due 1st January, 1868, will be paid after that date, on presentation at the office of WILLIAM RIDGE & CO., No. 64 Wall-st., New-York, Dec. 20, 1867.

SCIOTO COUNTY COUPONS DUE JAN. 1, 1868, will be paid on presentation at the National Currency Bank, No. 2 Wall-st.

FINANCIAL.

SMITH, RANDOLPH & CO.
BANKERS, PHILA. & N. YORK
No. 2 Nassau-st.,
Dealers in U. S. Bonds, Members of Stock and Gold Exchanges.
Issue Bills of Exchange on
C. J. HAMBRO & SON, London.
B. METZLER S. SOHN & CO., Frankfort.
JAMES W. TUCKER & CO., Paris.
and Letters of Credit available throughout Europe.

WINSLOW, LANIER & CO.,
BANKERS,
NO. 7 PINE-ST., NEW-YORK,
ISSUE LETTERS OF CREDIT for travelers, available in all parts of the world.
GOVERNMENT AND OTHER SECURITIES bought and sold on the Stock Exchange on usual commission.
Interest allowed on deposits.

MANNING & DE FOREST,
BANKERS, NO. 19 WALL-ST.,
SOUTHERN SECURITIES A SPECIALTY.
The July, 1867, Interest on Virginia Bonds and Registered Stock, payable at Richmond, and of January, 1868, Interest on Louisiana State Bonds, payable at New-Orleans, collected and returns made promptly.

CHICAGO AND ALTON RAILROAD COUPONS,
of First Mortgage Bonds,
JOLIET AND CHICAGO RAILROAD COUPONS,
of First Mortgage Bonds,
DUBUQUE AND SIOUX CITY RAILROAD COUPONS,
of First Mortgage Bonds,
DUBUQUE AND SOUTHWESTERN RAILROAD COUPONS,
of First Mortgage Bonds,
DETROIT AND MILWAUKEE RAILROAD COUPONS,
of First Funding Bonds,
DETROIT AND PONTIAC RAILROAD COUPONS,
of First-Mortgage Bonds,
ATLANTIC AND GULF RAILROAD OF GEORGIA Coupons of Consolidated 7 per cent. Bonds, free of Government tax.
M. K. JESUP & CO.

COMMISSIONER'S SALE OF CHICAGO AND NORTHWESTERN RAILWAY COMPANY LAND GRANT SCRIP.—The undersigned Commissioner, appointed under the decree of the circuit court of the United States for the District of Wisconsin and a judgment of the Circuit Court of the County of Milwaukee, in the State of Wisconsin, will sell at public auction, at Hooper House, in the City of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, on the 14th day of December next, commencing at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, the following described scrip, being the scrip of land, granted by Congress to the Chicago and Northwestern Railway Company, situated principally in the Counties of Oconto, Marquette and Shawano, with some grants in Outlots Nos. 1 and 2 and Winnebago County, and for which the Company issued convertible land grant certificates or scrip:
The object of this sale is to divide the lands among the holders of the scrip to whom it belongs, as far as practicable.
The lands were supposed to represent a value of about $1,600,000, or about $12 per acre.
Any scriptholder, who shall bid over $12 per acre can pay for his purchase by tendering the Commissioner at his usual place of sale, his receipts for scrip, with some grants in Outlots Nos. 1 and 2 and Winnebago County, and for which the Company issued convertible land grant certificates or scrip.
The object of this sale is to divide the lands among the holders of the scrip to whom it belongs, as far as practicable.
If, at the conclusion of the sale, a portion of the lands should remain unsold for want of bidders, and the scrip should not all be canceled, application will be made to the Circuit Court of the United States for the District of Wisconsin for the appointment of a Receiver, who will be empowered to convert the lands into money, and pay the proceeds ratably among the holders of the scrip, to whom such scrip is represented at the conclusion of the sale, whether such scrip is represented at the conclusion of the sale signed by the Commissioner, which, when confirmed by the Court, is declared by statute to be equivalent to a deed of conveyance.
If, at the conclusion of the sale, a portion of the lands should remain unsold for want of bidders, and the scrip should not all be canceled, application will be made to the Circuit Court of the United States for the District of Wisconsin for the appointment of a Receiver, who will be empowered to convert the lands into money, and pay the proceeds ratably among the holders of the scrip, to whom such unsold lands will be conveyed in trust for the holder of the scrip respectively.
Scriptholders can obtain printed lists of lands to be sold, with the quantity, number and remains of each annexed as to location, number, &c., on application at the Company's office, No. 52 Wall-st., New-York, or to the undersigned Commissioner, at the City of Oshkosh.
This examination was made about eight years ago, and does not show the exact present condition of the lands, as some have been sold and others have been entered.
JAMES M. HOWE, Commissioner.
CHICAGO, Nov. 25, 1867.
CONTINUATION OF SALE.
Milwaukee County Circuit Court—The Chicago and Northwestern Railway Defendants.—Chester Ingersoll, as also the sale of the lands remaining unsold at the late sale, which was by the Commissioner adjourned until the 14th day of January, 1868, at the Sherman House, Oshkosh, Wis., commencing at 10 o'clock A. M. Over ninety thousand acres remain unsold. Scrip will be received for lands, on and from over $12 per acre.
JAMES M. HOWE, Commissioner.
CHICAGO, Dec. 16, 1867.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, CONTROLLER'S OFFICE, NEW-YORK, Dec. 26, 1867.
INTEREST ON CITY STOCKS.—THE INTEREST DUE JAN. 1, 1868, on the Stocks of the City of New-York, can and payable Feb. 1, 1868, will be paid on the day by PETER B. SWEENEY, Esq., Chamberlain of the City, at his office in the New County House.
The transfer books will be closed Tuesday, Jan. 5, 1868.
RICHARD B. COMPTOLLY, Comptroller.

OFFICE OF CENTRAL PETROLEUM COMPANY,
No. 2 PINE-ST., NEW-YORK, Dec. 26, 1867.
THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE Stockholders of the Central Petroleum Company, for the election of Directors for the ensuing year, will be held at the office on MONDAY, Jan. 13, 1868, at 12 o'clock M. Polls will be open from 11 until 1 o'clock P. M. The transfer ledger is closed, according to by-laws, from this date to Jan. 14, 1868.
AUSTIN STEVENS, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE METROPOLITAN GAS LIGHT CO.,
CORNER OF BROADWAY AND 27TH-ST.,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 26, 1867.
THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS of this Company for the election of Directors, will be held at the office of the Company, on MONDAY, Jan. 13, 1868, Sale opened at 11 M. and closed at 1 P. M.
WM. MEIKLEHAM, Secretary.

No. 52 EXCHANGE-PLACE,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 26, 1867.
THE COUPONS MATURING JAN. 1, 1868, on the First Mortgage Bonds of the Macon and Brunswick Railroad, and the Bonds of the State of Georgia, will be paid at our office after that date.
DANIEL MORGAN & CO.

NEW-YORK, Dec. 26, 1867.
THE COUPONS OF THE MORTGAGE Bonds of the SOUTH PACIFIC and of the ATLANTIC AND PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANIES, due Jan. 1, 1868, will be paid, on and after that date, IN GOLD COIN, at the National Shoe and Leather Bank.
FRANCIS B. HAYES, President.

PACKER NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 26, 1867.
THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR THIRTEEN Directors will be held at their banking-house on TUESDAY, the 14th day of January next, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 o'clock P. M.
E. BUCK, Cashier.

STAR FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,
No. 68 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Dec. 26, 1867.
THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Company will be held at their office on MONDAY, the 13th day of January next, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M.
M. M. BEADLEY, Secretary.

MERCHANTS' EXCHANGE NATIONAL BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK, Dec. 26, 1867.
THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Bank will be held at the Banking-house, on TUESDAY, 14th day of January next, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M.
E. J. OAKLEY, Cashier.

NEW-YORK, Dec. 26, 1867.
COUPONS.—THE COUPONS OF THE FIRST Mortgage Bonds of the Columbus and Indianapolis Central Railway Company, due 1st January, 1868, will be paid on and after the 20th Nicholas Building, after 24 prox.
E. D. SMITH, President.

THE NATIONAL PARK BANK OF NEW-YORK,
New-York, Dec. 26, 1867.
THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Bank will be held at the banking house, No. 214 and 216 Broadway, on TUESDAY, Jan. 12, 1868, from 12 to 1 o'clock.
J. L. WORTH, Cashier.

THE LEATHER MANUFACTURERS' NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 26, 1867.
THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Bank will be held at the Banking-house, No. 401 Broadway, on TUESDAY, the 14th day of January next, between the hours of 11 M. and 1 P. M.
O. H. SCHREIBER, Cashier.

NATIONAL BUSINESS AND DRAFTERS' BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 24, 1867.
THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Bank will be held at the banking-house, No. 176 Broadway, on TUESDAY, Jan. 12, 1868, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M.
C. G. BRINCKERHOFF, Cashier.

OFFICE OF THE EAGLE FIRE COMPANY,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 26, 1867.
THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Company will be held at the Company's office, No. 71 Wall-st., on TUESDAY, Jan. 12, 1868, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M., and closing at 1 o'clock P. M.
WILLIAM H. CLINTON, Secretary.

TREASURER'S OFFICE, STATE OF GEORGIA,
ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 24, 1867.
THE INTEREST DUE JAN. 1, 1868, ON the Bonds of the State of Georgia, will be paid at the Fourth National Bank of the City of New-York.
J. JAGNIER, Treasurer.

MECHANICS' AND TRADERS' NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 26, 1867.
THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Bank will be held at the banking-house, No. 122 Bowery, on Wednesday, the 15th, between the hours of 11 and 1 o'clock.
GEO. F. YOULE, Cashier.

NATIONAL BROADWAY BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 26, 1867.
ELECTION.—THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR Directors of this bank will be held at the banking house No. 722 Broadway, on TUESDAY, Jan. 12, 1868, at the hour of 12 M. and 1 P. M.
J. F. EVERITT, Cashier.

GERLACHS AND COLUMBIAN COFFEE COMPANY OF MICHIGAN.—A special meeting of the stockholders of the above Company will be held at the office of Mr. J. Williams-st., New-York, on MONDAY, the 1st day of February, 1868, at 12 o'clock M., to vote upon the questions of increasing the capital stock of the Company and of issuing bonds to the extent. By order of the Directors.
R. J. EDWARDS, Secretary.

SAN FRANCISCO BONDS.—COUPONS DUE Jan. 1, and payable in New-York City, will be paid at the agency of the Bank of California, No. 16 Pine-st.

DIVIDENDS.

TWENTY-THIRD SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND.
OFFICE PACIFIC FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,
No. 1 MONTGOMERY-ST.,
JERSEY CITY, N. J., Dec. 21, 1867.
The Board of Directors of this Company have this day declared a Semi-annual Dividend of FIVE PER CENT., free from tax, payable on and after Jan. 2, 1868.
A. R. BRAN, Secretary.

SIX PER CENT. FREE FROM GOVERNMENT TAX.
SHERMAN'S SAVINGS BANK,
CORNER 3D-AV. AND 32ND-ST.,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 31, 1867.
DIVIDEND.—A Semi-annual Dividend, at the rate of SIX PER CENT. per annum, free from Government tax, on all sums from $5 to $5,000, will be paid on and after the 21st of January next.
SPENCER K. GREEN, President.
WM. E. BURNHAM, Secretary.

DIVIDEND NOTICE.
PHILADELPHIA AND READING RAILROAD CO.,
OFFICE, 31 AND 32 CORTLANDT-ST.,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 31, 1867.
The transfer books of the Company will be closed on the 6th of January next, and be reopened on TUESDAY, the 14th inst.
A dividend of Five per Cent. has been declared on the preferred and common stock, clear of National and State taxes, payable in common stock on and after Jan. 20, 1868, to the holders thereof, as they shall stand registered on the books of the Company on the 6th of January next. All scrip to be issued, must be witnessed and stamped.
E. BRADFORD, Treasurer.

DIVIDEND NOTICE.
OFFICE OF THE CENTRAL COAL, MINING AND MANUFACTURING COMPANY, No. 20 BROADWAY,
ROOM No. 1, NEW-YORK, Dec. 26, 1867.
The Directors of this Company have this day declared a Half-yearly Dividend of FOUR PER CENT. from Dollars per Share on the capital stock of the Company, payable to the stockholders on and after WEDNESDAY, Jan. 8, 1868, at the Company's office, as above.
The transfer books will be closed from Jan. 9 until Jan. 22.
By order of the Board,
T. P. WHITE, Secretary and Treasurer.

DRY DOCK SAVINGS BANK.
Nos. 341 and 343 East 4th-st.
On the 1st of January, 1868, an extra dividend of two per cent. for six months, and one per cent. for three months, will be paid to depositors, by the by-laws.
ANDREW MILLS, President.
JAMES L. STEWART, Secretary.
Nov. 1, 1867.

THIRTY-THIRD DIVIDEND.
HANOVER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.
The Board of Directors of this Company have declared a Semi-annual Dividend of FIVE PER CENT., free of Government tax, payable on demand, at their office, No. 45 Wall-st.
J. REMSEN LANE, Secretary.
NEW-YORK, Jan. 1, 1868.

COMMERCIAL NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 26, 1867.
DIVIDEND.
The Board of Directors have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of FOUR PER CENT. free of all tax, payable on and after Monday, Jan. 4, 1868. The transfer books will be closed until Jan. 2.
C. P. TIMPSON, Cashier.

OIL-CREEK AND ALLEGHENY RIVER RAILWAY COMPANY, TREASURER'S OFFICE,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 26, 1867.
DIVIDEND NO. 2.—THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS have this day declared a quarterly dividend of two per cent. payable in gold, free of tax, on the 1st of Jan. 1868, at the office of the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company, No. 45 Exchange-place, New-York. The transfer books will close on the 17th inst. and open on Jan. 2.
F. A. PHILLIPS, Treasurer.

NEW-YORK AND NEW-HAVEN RAILROAD COMPANY,
CORNER 4TH-AV. AND 32ND-ST., NEW-YORK,
TREASURER'S OFFICE, Dec. 26, 1867.
A DIVIDEND OF TWO PER CENT. from the earnings of the last six months on the capital stock of the Company, free of Government tax, has been declared, payable to the stockholders on and after Jan. 2, 1868, when the transfer books will be closed from Dec. 27, 1867, to Jan. 2, 1868, both inclusive.
JOHN T. SHELTON, Treasurer.

SECOND NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 26, 1867.
DIVIDEND.—A SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND OF FIVE PER CENT., free of all taxes, has been declared out of the profits of the past six months, payable on and after TUESDAY, Jan. 14, 1868. The transfer books will be closed from the 24th inst. to the day of payment.
CHAS. HUDSON, Cashier.

FOURTH NATIONAL BANK
OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 26, 1867.
THE DIRECTORS OF THIS BANK have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of Four (4) per Cent., free of all taxes, payable on and after the 2d of January next.
The transfer books will be closed from the 24th inst. until Jan. 2.
S. SEAMAN, Cashier.

MECHANICS' NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 26, 1867.
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE this day declared a semi-annual dividend of FIVE PER CENT., free of tax, payable on and after Jan. 2, 1868.
R. MCGARTEN, Cashier.

METROPOLITAN NATIONAL BANK,
No. 823 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Dec. 26, 1867.
THE DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN NATIONAL BANK have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of SIX PER CENT., free of tax, payable on the first MONDAY in January, 1868.
The Transfer Books will remain closed until Jan. 10, 1868.
GEO. I. BENEY, Cashier.

TENTH NATIONAL BANK,
No. 52 BROAD-ST., CORNER EXCHANGE-PLACE,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 26, 1867.
SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND OF FOUR PER CENT., free from all taxes, has this day been decided by the Board of Directors, payable on and after Monday, Jan. 6, 1868.
The transfer books will be closed from the 24th inst. to the day of payment, each inclusive.
A. H. STOUT, Cashier.

OFFICE OF THE NEW-YORK, PROVIDENCE AND BOSTON RAILROAD CO., 452 BROADWAY,
ROAD, NEW-YORK, Dec. 21, 1867.
A DIVIDEND OF SIX PER CENT. FREE of Government tax, has been declared, PEER at the office of M. MORGAN'S SON, No. 52 William-st., on the 15th day of January, 1868.
Transfer books will be closed until the 16th prox.
GEO. F. STOUT.

FIFTH NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 26, 1867.
EXTRA DIVIDEND.—THIS BANK HAS DECLARED the usual Five (5) per Cent. dividend, free of all taxes, and also an extra dividend of Five (5) per Cent., payable to the stockholders on and after Jan. 2, 1868. The transfer books will be closed from Dec. 20 to Jan. 2.
A. THOMPSON, Cashier.

MECHANICS' NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 26, 1867.
THE DIRECTORS HAVE THIS DAY declared a dividend of FIVE (5) PER CENT., free of tax, payable to the stockholders on and after the 2d of January next.
The transfer books will be closed until that date.
W. H. COX, Cashier.

BANK OF AMERICA.—DIVIDEND.—THE Directors and Directors of the BANK OF AMERICA have this day declared a SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND of FIVE PER CENT. for the current six months, free from tax, payable on and after SATURDAY, Jan. 2, 1868.
The transfer books will remain closed from this date until the morning of Jan. 2, 1868.
WM. L. JENKINS, Cashier.
NEW-YORK, Dec. 19, 1867.

NATIONAL BANK OF NORTH AMERICA,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 26, 1867.
A DIVIDEND OF FOUR PER CENT., free of all tax, will be paid the stockholders of this Bank on and after Jan. 4, 1868, until which date the transfer books will remain closed.
J. A. BEARDSLEY, Cashier.

FERRIER NATIONAL BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 26, 1867.
THE DIRECTORS OF THIS BANK have this day declared a dividend of Four (4) per Cent., free of tax, payable on and after Jan. 2, 1868. The transfer books will be closed from date until Jan. 2, 1868.
JOHN FARRER, Cashier.

THE MARKET NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 26, 1867.
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE this day declared a semi-annual dividend of five per cent., free of tax, payable to stockholders on and after the 2d day of January next.
The transfer books will be closed until that date.
A. GILBERT, Cashier.

THE BANK OF NEW-YORK,
NATIONAL BANKING ASSOCIATION,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 26, 1867.
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE this day declared a dividend of Five per Cent., free of taxes, payable on and after the 2d of January next.
The transfer books will be closed from the 24th inst. until Jan. 2.
W. E. MERRITT, Cashier.

THE NATIONAL CITIZENS' BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 23, 1867.
A DIVIDEND OF FIVE PER CENT., free of Government tax, has been declared, payable on and after Jan. 2, 1868.
The transfer books will remain closed until that date.
W. H. OAKLEY, Cashier.

NATIONAL SHOE AND LEATHER BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 26, 1867.
A DIVIDEND OF FIVE PER CENT., free of Government tax, out of the earnings of the current six months, has this day been declared, payable on and after Jan. 2, 1868, until which date the transfer book will be closed.
J. M. CRANE, Cashier.

MERCHANTS' EXCHANGE NATIONAL BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK, Dec. 26, 1867.
DIVIDEND.—A SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND of FIVE PER CENT. has been declared, FREE OF ALL TAXES, payable on and after MONDAY, 6th January next.
The transfer books will be closed from 20th inst. to 6th January.
E. J. OAKLEY, Cashier.

NATIONAL BUSINESS AND DRAFTERS' BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 26, 1867.
DIVIDEND.—A DIVIDEND OF FIVE PER Cent. has this day been declared, free of all taxes, from the profits of the current six months, payable on the 2d day of January next. The transfer books will be closed until the day of payment.
C. G. BRINCKERHOFF, Cashier.

ATLANTIC NATIONAL BANK,
BROOKLYN, Dec. 23, 1867.
A SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND OF FIVE (5) per Cent. on the capital stock of this Bank, free of Government tax, has this day been declared out of the profits of the six months ending the 31st inst., payable on and after Jan. 2. By order of the Board.
OLIVER K. DENTON, Acting Cashier.

IRVING NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 26, 1867.
A DIVIDEND OF FOUR (4) PER CENT., free of all tax, will be paid to the stockholders of this Bank on and after Jan. 2, 1868, until which date the transfer books will remain closed.
JOHN L. JEWETT, Jr., Cashier.

THE NATIONAL PARK BANK OF NEW-YORK,
New-York, Dec. 26, 1867.
A SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND OF SEVEN (7) per Cent., free of all taxes, has been declared by this bank, payable on the 2d of January next. The transfer books will remain closed until that date.
J. L. WORTH, Cashier.

THE DIRECTORS OF THE BUTLER Coal Company have this day declared a dividend of 25 cents per share, clear of taxes, payable on and after the 20th inst., at their office, No. 52 Wall-st.
SAM'L DUTTON, Treasurer.

THE TRADESMEN'S NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 26, 1867.
A DIVIDEND OF SIX PER CENT. WILL be paid on and after MONDAY, Jan. 4, 1868, free of tax.
ANTHONY HALEY, Cashier.

DIVIDENDS.

OFFICE OF THE PANAMA RAILROAD COMPANY,
FOSTER'S BUILDINGS, No. 15 WALL-ST.,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 26, 1867.
FORTY-SEVENTH DIVIDEND.—THE Board of Directors have this day declared a dividend of Six (6) per Cent. out of the earnings of the past half year, for the three months ending Sixteen and one Two (2) per Cent. out of the earnings of steamers, sailing vessels, land and banking, for the year 1867, both payable in gold, on the stockholders of our Joint Stock representation, on and after the 15th of January next. Transfer books will be closed on the 15th of January next.
HENRY CHface, Treasurer.

NEW-YORK, Dec. 26, 1867.
NOTICE.—THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF the Dubuque and Sioux City Railroad Company have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of three and one-half per cent. for the Preferred Stock of the Company, payable Jan. 2, 1868, and an equal dividend of four per cent. on the Common Stock, payable Jan. 2, 1868, both at the office of the Assets of the Company, Messrs. M. K. Jesup & Co., No. 11 Pine-st., New-York, to holders of same as registered at closing of books, less the Government tax.
JOHN S. DUMONT, Assistant Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE CLEVELAND AND TORONTO RAILROAD COMPANY,
CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dec. 5, 1867.
A DIVIDEND FOUR AND ONE-HALF (4½) Per Cent., free from United States Government tax, will be paid on the 1st day of January next, on the preferred representatives, on the 21 day of January next, at the office of the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company in the City of New-York.
The transfer books will be closed at 3 o'clock P. M. of December, 1867 December instant, and reopened on the morning of Monday, the 21st day of January.
WM. F. STAUNTON, Secretary.

AT A MEETING OF THE DIRECTORS of the MICHIGAN CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY, held on the 4th inst., it was voted that a dividend of $3 per share in cash and $10 per share in stock, both free of Government tax, be declared, payable on and after Monday, Jan. 20, 1868, at the Company's office, as above.
The transfer books will be closed from the 20th inst. until Jan. 20.
By order of the Board,
T. P. WHITE, Secretary and Treasurer.

DRY DOCK SAVINGS BANK.
Nos. 341 and 343 East 4th-st.
On the 1st of January, 1868, an extra dividend of two per cent. for six months, and one per cent. for three months, will be paid to depositors, by the by-laws.
ANDREW MILLS, President.
JAMES L. STEWART, Secretary.
Nov. 1, 1867.

THIRTY-THIRD DIVIDEND.
HANOVER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.
The Board of Directors of this Company have declared a Semi-annual Dividend of FIVE PER CENT., free of Government tax, payable on demand, at their office, No. 45 Wall-st.
J. REMSEN LANE, Secretary.
NEW-YORK, Jan. 1, 1868.

COMMERCIAL NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 26, 1867.
DIVIDEND.
The Board of Directors have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of FOUR PER CENT. free of all tax, payable on and after Monday, Jan. 4, 1868. The transfer books will be closed until Jan. 2.
C. P. TIMPSON, Cashier.

OFFICE OF THE ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD CO.,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 18, 1867.
AT A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF Directors of this Company held on the 17th inst. it was Resolved, That a dividend of FIVE PER CENT. in cash, free of Government tax, be paid, on the 1st day of February next, to the holders of the full-paid shares, registered on the books of the Company on that day; transfer books to be closed on the 22d inst. and reopened on the 1st day of February following.
THOMAS E. WALKER, Treasurer.

NEW-YORK AND HARLEM RAILROAD COMPANY,
TREASURER'S OFFICE, CORNER OF 4TH-AV. AND 32D-ST.,
NEW-YORK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 24, 1867.
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THIS Company have this day declared a dividend of Four Per Cent. on the preferred and common stock, free of Government tax, payable on the 2d day of January next, at this office.
The transfer books will be closed from the 20th inst. to the day of payment.
R. H. PERKINS, Jr., Cashier.

MECHANICS' AND TRADERS' SAVINGS INSTITUTION,
NO. 77 BOWERY, NEAR HOUSTON-ST.
DIVIDEND.—THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES have declared a Dividend of SIX PER CENT. per annum (free from tax) on all sums of from $5 to $10,000 entitled thereto, payable on and after Jan. 2, 1868, for the three months ending Dec. 31, 1867.
ALFRED T. CONKLIN, President.
ROBERT C. FOSTER, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE HAMILTON FIRE INSURANCE CO.,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 26, 1867.
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE this day declared the usual SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND OF FIVE PER CENT., free of Government tax, payable on and after Jan. 2, 1868.
JAMES GILMORE, Secretary.

NATIONAL BANK OF COMMERCE IN NEW-YORK.—DIVIDEND.—A semi-annual dividend of FIVE PER CENT., free from Government tax, has been declared and will be payable on and after Jan. 2, 1868, to the stockholders on and after Jan. 4.
H. P. VAIL, Cashier.

INSTRUCTION.

MR. GEO. C. ANTHON'S
CLASSICAL, FRENCH AND ENGLISH SCHOOL,
With Primary Department and Gymnasium,
Nos. 213 and 214 4th-av.

MOUNT WASHINGTON COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE—Classical, Commercial, English, French and German, No. 41 South Washington-square. GEORGE W. CLARKE, A. M., Principal. Fits pupils of all ages for business or college on reasonable terms. With the average of fifteen pupils to the teacher, students will come out of this Institute in two years' less time with a better character and a better education than from the public schools.

MORRIS FEMALE INSTITUTE,
MORRISTOWN, N. J.
A SELECT FAMILY SCHOOL.
Four vacancies after Christmas.
C. C. HAZELTINE, A. M., Principal.

MR. AND MRS. ELISHA CHARLIER'S FRENCH AND ENGLISH BOARDING AND DAY SCHOOL FOR YOUNG LADIES,
No. 128 Madison-av.

BOARDING SCHOOL FOR BOYS,
DANBURY, CONN.
F. J. JACKSON

SHIPPING.

ONLY DIRECT LINE TO FRANCE.

[illegible] AND HAVRE CALLS AT BREST.

[illegible] SATURDAY, Jan. 8
[illegible] SATURDAY, Jan. 22
PEREIRE ..... SATURDAY, Feb. 5
ST. LAURENT ..... SATURDAY, Feb. 19

RATES OF PASSAGE IN GOLD, INCLUDING WINES, TO BREST OR HAVRE.

First cabin, $100; second cabin, $60.

Passengers by railway tickets furnished on board.

First cabin, $105; second cabin, $60.

These steamships do not carry steerage passengers.

Excellent accommodations for a class of passengers not exceeding the Cabin, for which a reduction of 20 per cent is made. American travelers going to or returning from the Continent of Europe, by taking the steamers d'Amerique, avoid both transit by English railways and the discomfort or hazard of the Channel, which many dread from trouble and expense.

GEO. MAURIGE, Agent, No. 6 Bowling-green.

THE BRITISH AND NORTH AMERICAN ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIPS BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND LIVERPOOL, CALLING AT COBH HARBOR.

RUSSIA leaves ..... WEDNESDAY, Jan. 5
CHINA leaves ..... WEDNESDAY, Jan. 12
CUBA leaves ..... WEDNESDAY, Jan. 19
AUSTRALASIAN leaves ..... WEDNESDAY, Feb. 2
EUROPA leaves ..... WEDNESDAY, Feb. 16

Cabin Cabin Passage $120
Second Cabin Passage $60
20 PARCELS.
Cabin Cabin Passage 145

Berths not secured until paid for.

No responsibility assumed on specie.

The owners of these ships will not be accountable for specie or valuables, unless bills of lading having the value thereof expressed therein are obtained.

For freight or passage apply to

E. CUNARD, No. 4 Bowling-green, New-York; or to IVES G. BATES, No. 105 State-st., Boston.

STEAM TO GLASGOW AND DERRY.

THE ANCHOR LINE.

Favorite Clyde-built Steamers are intended to sail

EVERY SATURDAY

From Pier No. 20, North River, at 3 o'clock noon.

EUROPA ..... Jan. 8 CALEDONIA ..... Jan. 22
ACADIA ..... Jan. 15 BRITANNIA ..... Jan. 29
IOWA ..... Jan. 22 UNITED KINGDOM ..... Feb. 5

RATES OF PASSAGE PAYABLE IN CURRENCY.

Cabins, to Liverpool, Glasgow, or Derry, $80 and $90.
Second Cabin, $60; good for one month, $65.
Excursion Tickets to Glasgow or Derry, $65; Intermediate, $55.
Prepaid Certificates from these ports, $60.
Passengers booked to and from Havre, Paris, Antwerp, Rotterdam, Hamburg, Bremen, and all parts of Europe.
Drafts issued payable in any bank in Great Britain and Ireland.
For further information apply at the Company's office, No. 4 Bowling-green, New-York, to

HENDERSON BROTHERS.

LIVERPOOL AND GREAT WESTERN STEAM COMPANY.

FOR LIVERPOOL.

From Pier No. 4 North River, WEDNESDAYS.

MINNESOTA ..... 1,800 tons ..... Jan. 12
COLORADO ..... 3,000 tons ..... Jan. 26
NEBRASKA ..... 1,800 tons ..... Jan. 2
MALTA (NEW) ..... 2,000 tons ..... Feb. 2

Cabin, $80, $90, $100; Steerage, $30 in gold; $35 in currency.

Tickets to bring out passengers from Europe can be obtained on reasonable terms.

For freight or passage apply to

WILLIAMS & GUION, No. 22 Broadway.

NATIONAL LINE.

THE STEAMSHIP ERIN

Will leave SATURDAY, Jan. 8, at 12 M., from Pier No. 4 North River.

For passage to Liverpool or Queenstown: Cabin, $100; Steerage, $30, currency.

Steerage tickets from Liverpool or Queenstown, $35.

Apply at the Company's office, Nos. 6 Broadway.

E. W. C. HURST, Manager.

FOR LIVERPOOL AND QUEENSTOWN.—The Inman Line of mail steamers are appointed to sail as follows:

CITY OF BALTIMORE ..... Saturday, Jan. 8, 9 A.M.
ETNA ..... Saturday, Jan. 15, 1 P.M.
CITY OF MANCHESTER (via Halifax) ..... Tuesday, Jan. 18, 1 P.M.

And each succeeding SATURDAY and alternate TUESDAY, from Pier No. 45 North River.

RATES OF PASSAGE.

PAYABLE IN GOLD.		PAYABLE IN CURRENCY.	
First Cabin	$100	First Cabin	$120
To London	105	To London	125
To Paris	115	To Paris	135
Halifax	40	Halifax	45
St. John's, N.F., by	45	St. John's, N. F., by	50
Brazos Steamer		Brazos Steamer	

Passengers also forwarded to Havre, Hamburg, Bremen, &c., at low rates.

Tickets can be bought here at moderate rates by persons wishing to send for their friends.

Further information can be had at the Company's Offices.

JOHN G. DALE, Agent,
No. 15 Broadway, New-York.

CUNARD LINE OF STEAMERS.

BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND LIVERPOOL, CALLING AT QUEENSTOWN.

FROM NEW-YORK EVERY TUESDAY.

SIBERIA ..... Jan. 11 TRIPOLI ..... Jan. 25
ALPS ..... Jan. 18 PALMYRA ..... Feb. 1

RATES OF PASSAGE FROM NEW-YORK.

Cabins ..... $85 Gold.
Steerage ..... 30 Currency.

Steerage tickets from Liverpool or Queenstown to New-York, $30 currency, for female steerage.

For Freight or Passage, apply at No. 4 Bowling-green.

A. CUNARD.

STEAM COMMUNICATION DIRECT BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND NEW-ZEALAND AND AUSTRALIA, VIA PANAMA.

THE PANAMA, NEW-ZEALAND, AND AUSTRALIAN ROYAL MAIL COMPANY dispatch a steamer every month, calling from Panama about the 25th, upon the arrival of the British Mail Steamer at Aspinwall, to connect at Panama with Company's steamers for Aspinwall on the 5th of each month, which will make the necessary connection. Passengers and specie booked through to Sydney, N.S.W., by the mail steamers.

A special steamer runs to the newly discovered gold region of Nicaragua.

For further information regarding rates of freight and passage, apply at the office of the New-Zealand Steamship Company, No. 19 Wall-st., to

CHARLES W. WEST, Agent.
No. 19 Wall-st., New-York.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

THROUGH LINE TO

CALIFORNIA AND CHINA.

Steamer leaves New-York to Sail Wednesday.

Cabin Outside.	Cabin Inside.	Second Cabin.	Steerage.
$275	$225	$150	$75

Steamers of the above line leave Pier No. 42 North River, foot of Canal-st., at 12 o'clock noon.

FOUR TIMES A MONTH

On 1st, 9th, 16th and 24th,

except when these days fall on Sunday, then the day previous.

Passengers will provide themselves with bedding, blankets and provisions from

[illegible] & CAMDEN, Capt. Gray, connecting with COLORADO, Capt. Farnsworth.

[illegible] closely with steamer JAPAN, leaving San Francisco Feb. 4, 1859, for China and Japan.

For passage, or further information apply at the Company's ticket office on the wharf, foot of Vandam-st.

E. S. BABY, Agent.

NOTICE TO SHIPPERS BY PACIFIC MAIL Steamship Company.—Steamer ALASKA sails on SATURDAY, Jan. 8, at 12 M., from Pier No. 3 North River. Freight received until 5 P. M. Friday, 7th inst.

E. S. BABY, Agent.

FOR ST. THOMAS AND BRAZIL.

UNITED STATES AND BRAZIL MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

REGULAR MAIL STEAMERS sailing on the 23d of each month.

NEW-YORK, Capt. L. T. TIMBERLAKE, Jan. 23.
SOUTH AMERICA, Capt. E. L. THERLEPAUGH, Feb. 23.
MISSISSIPPI, Capt. GEO. E. SCOGGIN, March 23.

These splendid steamships are fitted up for the accommodation of passengers, and are built for the trade, and call at St. Thomas, Para, Pernambuco, Bahia and Rio de Janeiro, going and returning. For engagements of freight or passage, apply to

WM. H. GARRISON, Agent,
No. 5 Bowling-green, New-York.

FOR NASSAU, N. P.,

UNDER CONTRACT WITH THE BAHAMA GOVERNMENT FOR CARRYING THE ROYAL MAIL.

THE ATLANTIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY will dispatch the splendid side-wheel steamer

COLUMBUS, Capt. VAN BRUNT, Feb. 9,

at 3 o'clock P. M., precisely, from Pier No. 4 North River, for engagements of freight or passage apply to

GEO. A. HARTSON, President, No. 5 Bowling-green.

HAVANA, SISAL AND VERA CRUZ.—The New-York and Mexican Mail Steamship Line, sailing every Wednesday and Saturday, from foot of North River.

SAN FRANCISCO, Capt. J. DEAKES, will leave Pier No. 1 North River, on SATURDAY, Jan. 8, at 10 A. M., for passage to Havana, gold currency. For freight or passage apply to

F. ALEXANDRE & SONS, No. 44 Broadway.

UNITED STATES MAIL TO HAVANA.

ATLANTIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

SAILING REGULARLY EVERY THURSDAY, AT 4 o'clock P. M., from Pier No. 1 North River.

EAGLE, Capt. M. B. CROWELL, Jan. 7, 1859.
NORMANDEAU, Capt. E. ADAMS, Jan. 14.
COLUMBIA, Capt. S. VAN BRUNT, Jan. 21.

For freight or passage apply to

GEO. A. HARTSON, President,
No. 5 Bowling-green, New-York.

FOR MOBILE

VIA FERNANDINA ROUTE.

The Florida Railroad Company will dispatch the first-class steamer

FLAG, Capt. HOWRIGAN,

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 5, at 3 P. M., from Pier No. 3 North River, foot of Warren-st. Cargo delivered without lighterage at Mobile. Insurance guaranteed at one and a half per cent to Mobile. Through rates and bills of lading given to Selma, Montgomery and all points in the interior, at lower rates than any other line.

Has splendid cabin accommodations for passengers going to Florida or the Gulf Ports.

For freight or passage apply to

A. E. MORETTI, Agent, No. 114 Chambers-st.

FOR NEW-ORLEANS DIRECT,

THE CROMWELL LINE.

Steamships of this Line will leave Pier No. 9 North River, foot of Warren-st., as follows:

GEO. WASHINGTON ..... GAGEN ..... SATURDAY, Jan. 1
DORTES ..... NELSON ..... SATURDAY, Jan. 8

Freight taken for St. Louis, Mobile and Galveston at the lowest rates.

Engagements of freight apply to the agents,

H. B. CROMWELL & CO., No. 34 West-st.

FOR SAVANNAH, DEMI-WEEKLY, BY THE SEACOAST LINE.

CONNECTION TO MONTGOMERY.

The fast steamer ALABAMA will leave Pier No. 1 North River, SATURDAY, Jan. 8, at 3 P. M.

For freight or passage apply to

E. LOWDEN, Agent, No. 16 Wall-st.

Cabin passage $20.

FOR CHARLESTON, S. C.—THE REGULAR PACKETS FOR THE SOUTH AND SOUTHWEST.—REGULAR LINE.—The fast and celebrated steamship MAGNOLIA, M. S. CROWELL, Commander, will be dispatched on THURSDAY, Jan. 6, at 3 P. M., from Pier No. 3 North River. Cabin passage reduced to $15. Through bills of lading to all points South, Southwest and Southeast via Charleston. For freight or passage, with good accommodations, apply to

ARTHUR LEARY, No. 10 Wall-st.

The splendid SARAGOSSA will sail on the following SATURDAY.

NOTICE TO SHIPPERS BY PACIFIC MAIL Steamship Company.—Steamer ALABAMA sails on SATURDAY, Jan. 8, at 12 M., from Pier No. 3 North River.

Freight received until 5 P. M. WEDNESDAY, Jan. 5.

E. S. BABY, Agent.

SHIPPING.

FOR NEW-ORLEANS, GREECE AND HAVANA.

The well-known side-wheel steamship [illegible] will leave the Union Stores, foot of Warren-st., North River, on SATURDAY, Jan. 8, at 3 P. M., for the above ports.

Freight received on the wharf, foot of Warren-st., North River, on the day of sailing, when the steamer will leave the dock, and not on Friday, as heretofore.

For freight or passage, apply to the Agents, on the wharf, foot of Warren-st., North River.

DAVIS & GARDINER, Agents.

N. B. Drafts issued payable in any bank in Great Britain and Ireland.

LIVERPOOL, FOX & Co., No. 6 Bowling-green.

PROPOSALS.

PROPOSALS FOR PAPER FOR THE PUBLIC PRINTING.

OFFICE OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC PRINTING,
WASHINGTON, D.C., Dec. 8, 1858.

In pursuance of the provisions of the fourth section of an act entitled "An act to regulate the printing of the public documents and the purchase of paper for public printing," approved August 4, 1852, the Joint Committee of Congress on Public Printing will receive sealed proposals until SATURDAY, the 15th day of January, 1859, at 12 o'clock, M., for furnishing the Paper for the ensuing year, and the Bid for printing the same, and at exactly 12 o'clock, M., on the day and place above mentioned, the Committee will open and publicly read the proposals received, and will then proceed to award the contract to the lowest and best bidder for the interests of the public service. The additional estimate of paper, as nearly as can be ascertained, the quantity of each kind of paper that will be required, but the contracts will be entered into for one-fourth of that may be required during the year, and not more.

CLASS 1.—Contemporaneous Printing Paper.

[illegible] Printing Paper, measuring 32 inches, and weighing fifty-three pounds to the ream of 500 sheets.

[illegible] Printing Paper, measuring 32 inches, and weighing forty-four pounds to the ream of 500 sheets.

CLASS 2.—Sized and Calendered Printing Paper.

1,000 reams superfine Printing Paper, hard-sized and super-calendered, measuring 32x40 inches, and weighing forty-five pounds to the ream of 500 sheets.

CLASS 3.—Bible Paper.

1,000 reams superfine Map Paper, sized and calendered, of such size (as may be required, corresponding in weight with paper measuring 19x24 inches, and weighing [illegible] pounds to the ream of 500 sheets.

CLASS 4.—Writing Papers, (to be of any required size.)

[illegible] reams Quarto Post, 19x24 inches.
[illegible] reams Post Cap, 13x17, or 14x18 inches.
[illegible] reams Demy, 16x21 inches.
[illegible] reams Medium, 17x22 inches.
[illegible] reams Royal, 19x24 inches.
[illegible] reams Imperial, 22x32 inches.

All of the above papers to be of such quality as to bear writing, and all of any required color or colors.

[illegible] reams of any required size not enumerated above, which shall be required from time to time.

CLASS 5.—Paper for Post Office Blanks, (ruled or sized.)

1,000 reams, measuring 19x24 inches, weighing [illegible] pounds per ream.

[illegible] reams, measuring 17x22 inches, weighing 40 pounds per ream.

500 reams, measuring 17x22 inches, weighing 45 pounds per ream.

500 reams, measuring 17x22 inches, weighing 50 pounds per ream.

Specimens will be received for the whole quantity, or for any portion not less than one thousand reams, of the papers designated in Classes 1 and 2, and for the whole quantity of each kind of paper in Classes 3, 4, and 5, being not less than one-quarter. Samples of the quality of the paper, in all the classes, will be furnished upon application at the Public Printing, and all proposals for the supply of paper must be accompanied with a sample of the paper bid for, and be in conformity to the sample furnished.

Each class will be considered separately, and to be awarded to the lowest bidder for the class or any one or more of the classes in the same proposal.

No proposal will be considered unless accompanied by a bond with security, to the approval of a United States Judge or District Attorney, in the penalty of $10,000, that the bidder or bidders, if his or their proposal shall be accepted, shall furnish the articles proposed for and each and every article of paper specified in the schedule, that the person or persons making said proposal are manufacturers of or dealers in the description of paper which he or they propose to furnish.

All bids and proposals for the paper must be delivered at the Government Printing Office, in the City of Washington, in good order, free from all and every error, defect or omission, and properly sealed and endorsed to the room of 500 sheets.

CLASS 6.—Colored and Fancy Printing Paper.

[illegible] reams of Super-calendered Printing Paper, measuring 32x40 inches, and weighing forty-three pounds to the ream of 500 sheets.

[illegible] reams of Super-calendered Printing Paper, measuring 32x40 inches, and weighing forty-four pounds to the ream of 500 sheets.

[illegible] reams superfine Printing Paper, hard-sized and super-calendered, measuring 32x40 inches, and weighing forty-five pounds to the ream of 500 sheets.

CLASS 7.—Bible Paper.

[illegible] reams superfine Map Paper, sized and calendered, of such size (as may be required, corresponding in weight with paper measuring 19x24 inches, and weighing [illegible] pounds to the ream of 500 sheets.

CLASS 8.—Writing Papers, (to be of any required size.)

[illegible] reams Quarto Post, 19x24 inches.
[illegible] reams Post Cap, 13x17, or 14x18 inches.
[illegible] reams Demy, 16x21 inches.
[illegible] reams Medium, 17x22 inches.
[illegible] reams Royal, 19x24 inches.
[illegible] reams Imperial, 22x32 inches.

All of the above papers to be of such quality as to bear writing, and all of any required color or colors.

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[illegible] reams, measuring 17x22 inches, weighing 40 pounds per ream.

500 reams, measuring 17x22 inches, weighing 45 pounds per ream.

500 reams, measuring 17x22 inches, weighing 50 pounds per ream.

Specimens will be received for the whole quantity, or for any portion not less than one thousand reams, of the papers designated in Classes 6 and 7, and for the whole quantity of each kind of paper in Classes 8, 9, being not less than one-quarter. Samples of the quality of the paper, in all the classes, will be furnished upon application at the Public Printing, and all proposals for the supply of paper must be accompanied with a sample of the paper bid for, and be in conformity to the sample furnished.

Each class will be considered separately, and to be awarded to the lowest bidder for the class or any one or more of the classes in the same proposal.

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All bids and proposals for the paper must be delivered at the Government Printing Office, in the City of Washington, in good order, free from all and every error, defect or omission, and properly sealed and endorsed, to the room of 500 sheets.

The paper to be furnished must be of the Congressional printer, and be in all respects satisfactory.

The report of the Committee on Paper for the last session, of a failure to supply the quantity required at any time, will be considered as a violation of the contract.

Blank proposals will be furnished upon application at the Public Printing, and should be addressed to the undersigned, and endorsed "Proposals for Paper."

Proposals will be received on the evening of Friday, the 14th day of January, 1859, at 7 o'clock, P. M., in the Committee Room, in the City of Washington, by the Committee on Printing, Messrs. H. R. Ashe, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Printing; Hon. A. H. Laflin, Chairman of the House Committee on Printing; or John D. Defrees, Congressional Printer.

JOHN D. DEFREES,
By direction of the Joint Committee of Congress on Public Printing.

JOHN D. DEFREES, Congressional Printer.

OFFICE OF THE NEW-ORLEANS, MOBILE AND CHATTANOOGA RAILROAD COMPANY,
NEW-ORLEANS, Nov. 22, 1858.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.—Sealed proposals for constructing the part-time of the New-Orleans, Mobile and Chattanooga Railroad, between the cities of New-Orleans and Mobile, commencing at the end of the 100 miles from the lake, and ending at the end of the 200 miles, or for such other portion of the road, of 100 miles in length, as may be required, including the bridging, 20,000 lineal feet of piles and excavation, and the grubbing, clearing, grading, and all other work and materials, will be received at the Company's office, in the City of New-Orleans, up to the hour of 12 M. Wednesday, Jan. 26, 1859.

Maps and profiles of the line, plans of structures and approximate amounts of work to be done, will be exhibited at the same office, on and after December 15, 1858, and blank forms furnished for entering the proposals, specifications, proposals, &c., &c.

All proposals to be addressed to Henry Van Vleet, Chief Engineer for the New-Orleans, Mobile and Chattanooga Railroad Company, New-Orleans, La.

The Company reserve the right to reject any proposal which for any reason they may deem unfavorable.

JAMES A. RAYSOR,
President N. O., M. and C. R. R. Co.

Office of the Company in New-York, No. 41 Pine-st.

STEAMBOATS.

FOR BOSTON, VIA NEWPORT AND FALL RIVER LINES.

BY THE OLD FALL RIVER LINE.

Between NEW-YORK AND BOSTON, NEWPORT, FALL RIVER, TAUNTON, NEW-BEDFORD AND CAPE COD PORTS AND NANTUCKET.

Rates of fare and freight always as low as by any other regular line.

One of the Magnificent Steamboats
NEWPORT or OLD COLONY,
Leaves Pier No. 2 North River, foot of Murray-st., at 4 P. M. daily, Sundays excepted.

By this route passengers can take train from Newport at 7 A. M., and arrive in Boston at 9:30 A. M., in time to connect with all Northern and Eastern trains; or remain undisturbed, breakfast, board, and take the 7:45 A. M. train, and arrive in Boston at noon.

LAFAYETTE H. LAWRENCE, Agent,
No. 72 Broadway, N. Y.

NEW-YORK, Aug. 16, 1858.

STONINGTON LINE,

TO BOSTON AND PROVIDENCE.

GREAT INSIDE ROUTE—SHORTEST AND MOST DIRECT.

Fare always as low as by any other route.

The new and elegant side-wheel steamers

STONINGTON and PLYMOUTH ROCK

Capt. Chas. Jones, Capt. Geo. H. Ellis,

Leave Pier No. 2 North River, foot of Murray-st., at 5 P. M.

Arriving ahead of all other lines.

Tickets and over-weight to be had on the principal hotels in the City of New-York, and at Dock Office, No. 204 Broadway.

D. S. BABCOCK,
President Stonington Steamboat Company.

FOR NEW-HAVEN, BRIDGEPORT, &c.—Pier No. 21, North River, leave Peck-slip for New-Haven at 3:45 and 11 P. M., connecting with railroad.

BOARDING AND LODGING.

NO. 125 EAST 26TH-ST., NEW-YORK.—Pleasant and Medium rooms, for let, in a well-conducted family house; also, a few single rooms, some with furniture; terms, $3 to $5 per week; references given and required.

NO. 18 EAST 27TH-ST.—NEAR BROADWAY.—Handsome furnished rooms, with first-class board; also transient board; terms, $7 per week.

A SMALL PRIVATE FAMILY WILL LET A very desirable front room on second floor, furnished or unfurnished, with or without board. No. 8 East 14th-st., near Union-square.

A PRIVATE FAMILY WILL LET A very desirable front room on second floor, furnished or unfurnished, with or without board. No. 15 West 34th-st., near Broadway.

PLEASANT ROOMS, WITH SUPERIOR table and privileges of parlors, in a private family, requiring unexceptionable references. No. 8 West 18th-st., near Union-square.

NO. 143 EAST 31ST-ST., GRAMERCY-park.—A nicely furnished room, on second floor, suitable for gentleman and wife or two gentlemen; to let with first-class board.

NO. 44 WEST 23D-ST.—A PARLOR AND bedroom on parlor floor, and two large rooms above, furnished, with or without board; also, one room on second floor, suitable for a physician. References required.

NO. 431 GRAND-ST.—BEAUTIFULLY FURnished rooms; location central; convenient to all the cars; $4 per week; fire and light; few boarders taken; dinner at 6; terms quite moderate.

WANTED—BOARD IS AN AMERICAN FAMily, in exchange for teaching music, or French, or German, to a young lady; the best of references; teaching several years. Address R., Box No. 115 Tribune Office.

TO LET—IN EIGHTH WARD, PARLOR AND bedroom, furnished, with partial board, to single middle-aged gentleman; family private. Inquire at No. 16 Greenwich-st.

FIFTH-AV., OPPOSITE THE BREVOORT HOUSE.—Separate suites of rooms with private table if desired. Also, single rooms with board, in the first-class house, No. 16 5th-av.

WANTED—BOARD NEAR SOUTH ORANGE, N. J., three rooms required in house pleasantly located. Address J. A., Box No. 2,060 New-York Post-Office.

A SUITE OF ROOMS ON THE SECOND floor, handsomely furnished; also a hall bed-room on the third floor to let with board. No. 15 West 38th-st.

BOARDING.—AN ENGLISH FAMILY WILL let a few rooms, furnished or unfurnished, with or without board, to a respectable family; the whole or a single floor; location central; table first-class. Inquire at No. 116 East 27th-st.

NO. 4 WEST 43D-ST.—A PRIVATE FAMily will let a handsomely furnished parlor or first floor, with or without board; terms moderate; references exchanged.

NO. 224 WEST 34TH-ST., BETWEEN 6th and 7th-avs.—To let, with board, a front room on second floor, not too cold weather, there is private of a home, and just children taken; references required.

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PUBLIC NOTICES.

IN PURSUANCE OF AN ORDER OF Wm. Wilson D. Veder, Esq., Surrogate of the County of Kings, Notice is hereby given, according to law, to all persons having claims against CHARLES E. WHITMORE, late of the City of Brooklyn, deceased, that they are required to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, the executor of his estate, No. 16 Chambers-st., in said City of Brooklyn, on or before the 1st day of May next. Dated Oct. 26, 1858.

MARIA A. BROWN,
Executrix.

IN PURSUANCE OF AN ORDER OF Wm. Wilson D. Veder, Esq., Surrogate of the County of Kings, Notice is hereby given, according to law, to all persons having claims against MARIA BROWN, late of the City of Brooklyn, deceased, that they are required to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof, at the office of David M. Pulitzer, Counselor at Law, No. 16 Chambers-st., in said City of Brooklyn, on or before the 1st day of May next. Dated Oct. 26, 1858.

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Will be sold, at public auction, under the direction of Capt. W. S. Gill, Military Storekeeper, United States Army, on account of the United States, at Schuylkill Arsenal, Philadelphia, and the City of Philadelphia, on THURSDAY, the 27th of January, 1859, at 10 A. M., the following-named articles of damaged clothing and equipage, &c., &c., viz:

25 Blankets, woolen.	27 Haversacks, strapped.
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1 lot Lumber, old; also, a quantity of Chevrons, Buttons, Sashes, Drums, Fifes, &c.	20 pounds Scraps, old snapsacks.
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HENRY H. LEEDS & MINER WILL sell by auction, on SATURDAY, Jan. 1, at 10½ o'clock, at the Sales Room, 370 Pearl-st., near Jay, GENERAL HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, consisting of Brussels and ingrain carpets, carved rosewood suites, in green silk figured damask; gilt frame French plate pier and mantel mirrors, oil cloths, hair mattresses, straw palliasses, mahogany and rosewood bedsteads, crimson damask window curtains, rosewood and mahogany tables, dining tables, sideboards, rosewood wardrobes, black walnut chairs, green seat ditto, together with other articles of household furniture.

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NEW-YEAR'S DAY.

A Stormy Ushering In of the New Year.

How the Day was Observed in New-York and Elsewhere.

The Receptions by President Johnson, Secretary Seward and Speaker Colfax.

However desirable it is that it should be so, the first day of January in this latitude is rarely characterized by sunshine out of doors, whatever the plenitude of light and warmth beneath the hospitable roof. The leaden sky above and the clogging snow beneath are expected as a matter of course, and doubtless will continue to be looked for, as characteristics of the day, until Old grim old Earth of ours shrugs up its shoulders, and, with a sudden kick, such as it is said to have given once before, hurls us and our blue-nosed neighbors twenty degrees or so nearer to the equator. Until then we suppose we must content ourselves to eat our New-Year's cake with the ice on. Until this time comes we have no faith that New-Year's Day will improve its out-door reputation. Rather the other way, we should say, if its behavior in introducing 1866 and 1869 suggest its future conduct. Everybody of others remembers what sort of a day last New-Year's Day was. To the short-of-memory a single word will recall its prevailing and characteristic feature—sleet; but unpleasant as it was, it was a lamb in its behavior compared to yesterday. Yesterday was the wickedest sort of a wolf that ever put on sheep's clothing.

The old fellow died hard; there wasn't the least bit of poetry about the manner of his taking off. As Trinity chimes "rang out the Old, rang in the New," the old sinner went off with a howl, and the young one came in with a scream. The midnight sky rained down hail frozen tears, whether in joy at the old one's decease, or of sorrow at the baby's birth, it didn't say. An angry wind blew gustily from the northwest, just hot enough in its breathing to freeze the rain as it fell, and to freeze the very marrow of the unhappy slaves of place and circumstance whose duty it was to perambulate the streets, or drive street-cars, or ride in them, or creep home with aching footsteps, steadying themselves occasionally over the frozen foot-paths by embracing convulsively the nearest lamp-post.

As the babe grew older, the wind became still more northerly, blowing with increased force, and distinguishing itself, generally, by its boisterous bad behavior. About 4 o'clock the snow began to fall, if we may call by the gentle name of snow the downfall of cutting prisms, which continued without interruption throughout the day, and by noon had fallen some four or five inches deep.

If a venerable institution could be so easily knocked on the head and done for by the wickedest sort of weather, as a respectable citizen can be disposed of at his own door in our City of daily homicides by the passing robber, then New-Year's Day, dating from yesterday, would no longer be distinguished from those that follow after by its genial associations. But, happily, the festival has secured too firm a hold upon our hearts to be killed by the wickedest frost or blown into chilblains by the north wind, however unmannerly it behaves itself. Despite the wretched day, therefore, and all things considered, the "New-Year's" was as happy a festal as any of its predecessors. At an early hour the callers began their rounds, on foot and in carriages; the streets were alive with struggling, sleeting horses, the footpaths dotted over everywhere with men humanity, puffing and blowing from door to door. Never were tables more plenteously spread; never did the fair dispensers of the good things with which the hospitable boards were laden look to better advantage. Hospitality is measured rather by the need of the recipient than by the fullness of purse of the giver; and surely if ever callers needed comforting in doors for the perils of their pilgrimage without doors, they needed the plentiful smile of the hostess yesterday, and all the charities, solid and liquid, which they stowed mysteriously away. That they received at least all that was good for them, who doubts? Why, within our own limited experience there were instances where, so generous were the dispensing angels, that the happy callers were dismissed with so many smiles and so much of a dozen other things, that they had positively more than they could carry! There is no reason to doubt that this liberality was general; nor indeed to doubt that the baby 1869 was warmly welcomed everywhere, despite the unpleasant fashion in which Old Time did wrap it up.

Among the Germans, the fatherland fashion of hanging wreaths of evergreens in the windows was observed as usual, and many a bumper of foaming lager was emptied in honor of the new year. The youth of the City, as of old, were persistent in demanding "a New-Year's." As a well-known editor of one of our City journals was leaving his residence in the upper part of the City, a small boy appeared and begged "a New-Year's." The gentleman, being of a generous disposition, forthwith produced some small coin and bestowed them on his petitioner. Unfortunately for the editor, his movements had been watched, and in the briefest possible space of time he was surrounded by small boys innumerable. From doorways, from alleyways, from highways and by-ways, down they swooped on him, to the number, as we believe, of several thousand, though on this point we may have been mistaken, their appetites for "a New-Year's" whetted by the sight of coin. As wolves attack the unresisting lamb, so did these boys attack this editor. His retreat was cut off, hands were laid on him, his cloak was torn from his shoulders, his hat, it may be mentioned, was felt too, his position was becoming critical, he thought of the inoffensive and gentleman who but a few hours before had been attacked and nearly murdered in broad daylight on his own door-step—he dashed his hand in his pocket and drawing forth, not a pistol, but several pennies and five-cent pieces, scattered them among his persecutors and fled—fled in breathless haste, and halted not until he had gained the shelter of his own sanctum.

As the joy is greatest when a safe delivery follows pain and danger in the birth, and the mother often loves the babe the dearest that almost cost her life, let us hope that this year new born, which, heralded by a hurricane, has come to us shivering and in fears, may prove the favorite of Fortune, and give us that rest of spirit we need to make, that assurance of our uninterrupted progress for which not we alone, but the good of all nations—who look toward us as their hope and inspiration—pray most earnestly. May it bring God's choicest blessing, comprising in itself all minor good—"Peace on earth and good will toward men."

SALUTE IN HONOR OF GOV. HOFFMAN.

Major Richard O'Gorman, Fifth Artillery, N. G., with Capt. W. Hunter, of Battery I, fired one hundred guns in the City Hall Park, at noon yesterday, in honor of the inauguration of Gov. Hoffman.

THE DAY AT THE TOMBS.

After the Tombs Police Court closed yesterday morning, in commemoration of the New-Year, the usual galleries of the City Prison returned, and no visitors were allowed inside the walls. The prison keepers enjoyed the full consonance of the holiday, and took very little trouble with the prisoners, who all lounged in the corridors and gallories of the main prison during the few extra hours of liberty allowed them in consideration of the holiday. The scene was mournful and suggestive. While the outside world was busy in keeping up the festivities of the day, and making merry over the auspicious advent of another year, these unfortunates, who had violated the laws of the land, in taking human life, stealing property or setting fire to buildings, found themselves compelled to linger near the doors of their narrow cells, and ponder over the wretched plight in which their crimes had placed them. Its happy wishes that their exile from cheerful friends, and as each prisoner clearly weighed his fellow a happy New-Year, he received no kindling smile in response, as the prosecutor patrol affected only a distinct wish of vengeance upon those who had committed the hateful crime of homicide, forgetting, yet wished for trial, as the surgeon was to inflict anxiety. There no doubt speculated their exile years, whether on the probable result. A few of the more irksome felt the shadow of the hours and cord, yet hoped against hope, as the past affected many examples of fortunate and marvelous escapes from the hands of the executioner. The officials of the prison have now possession of murder under their care that they are but becoming the majority among those accused of the graver class of offenses, and it would seem to them a strange matter if there were no murderers in the cells. On Thanksgiving Day there were ten persons of this class in the Tombs. On Christmas Day the number rose to fourteen, and yesterday another man occupied a cell on a charge of having killed a man in Tenth-avenue. Besides these, there are four or five men in the prison awaiting the result of wounds inflicted by them in gory brawls and street fights. As the social visitor wandered through the Tombs he could not but ponder upon the terrible increase of homicides which has recently arisen in the City. At present the bludgeon, the pistol and the knife are so freely used, and on such slight occasions, that the lives of all peaceable citizens are in constant peril. The recurrence of the brutal and unprovoked assault upon an old gentleman, in Twelfth-street, on Tuesday, while shoveling snow from his door, is a notable instance of the lawlessness now prevailing in our streets.

AT THE PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS.

At the various charitable institutions the inmates were treated to the usual New-Year feast of good things, in a very quiet and unostentatious manner. Dinners were served at noon at nearly all the Missions, Homes, Hospitals and kindred institutions, and, in some instances, gifts of confectionery and toys were bestowed upon the children, and clothing and other necessaries upon those of older years. There were no public festivities, as there were given on Thanksgiving and Christmas Days with lavish hands. The day was one of serene happiness to many an unfortunate dependent upon public charity, and many grateful hearts there were, made so by the benevolence of kind Christian men and women.

THE CITY HALL.

The Hall wore a most desolate and deserted aspect yesterday. It has been usual for the Mayor to receive callers on New-Year's Day, almost from time immemorial; but Mr. Hall broke through the custom, having left the City for Albany on the previous day. Mr. Roome, keeper of the City Hall, kept open house, as usual, and bid all who chose to call on him a hearty welcome. The weather was, however, too severe to admit of many visitors presenting themselves.

THE SKATING RINKS—CENTRAL PARK, &c.

Yesterday the lovers of skating were shut out from all the private rinks of the City and Brooklyn, as the managers, with every one else of the business community, determined to enjoy the comforts of home seclusion, and a visit to their friends at least one day out of the three hundred and sixty-five. The Empire City Skating Rink—a public rendezvous—was the only exception to the general rule, and there, as usual during the present season, thousands flocked to participate in the exhilarating enjoyment. The efficient band of the establishment were attired in Siberian costume, and during the day played a variety of popular and national airs. Owing to the copious showers of snow and sleet, tempered with the occasional fall of hail, which ushered in the New Year, all the fashionable outdoor resorts of the metropolis were partially forsaken. Central Park, but a few days since crowded with visitors, was yesterday deserted. An occasional traveler, by necessity only, might be seen, muffled up from the scathing cold and pitiless hail, wending his way over the grounds. The skating ponds were occupied only by shivering laborers, who busily plied the shovel and broom to preserve the glossy surface.

All the roads were thickly coated with snow, and this deceptive ice, which admitted the unwary into many ponds of slush which had accumulated for days past. The street cars, like the New Year bacchanalians, frequently got off the track, and at several points there would have been considerable difficulty had it not been that some of the companies dispatched a steam-sweeper along their lines. Only half the usual number of cars plied during the day, some of them using six-horse teams.

A NEW-YEAR GIFT TO A SUNDAY-SCHOOL TEACHER.

Yesterday morning the members of Mr. Wm. Neely's Bible class, connected with the Third Reformed Presbyterian Church, Twenty-third-street, waited upon their teacher, and presented him with an elegant and costly New-Year gift, as a testimonial of their esteem. The present consisted of the photographs of the members of the class, surrounding the picture of Mr. Neely, which was the central figure of the group, the whole being encompassed by a magnificent heavy gilded frame. The presentation address was delivered by Mr. Wm. Lemerman, a member of the class, and was exceedingly appropriate and touching, as was also the response of Mr. Neely. The other members of the class present were: Messrs. John Lemerman, Thos. Calhoun, Ira P. McNeice, Robt. L. Hill, Joseph Gibson, Wm. Scott and Walter Bell. Mr. Neely has been connected with this school for upward of thirteen years, and has taught the Bible class during the last five years of that time. His popularity among his associates has won for him repeated and unanimous offers of promotion to Superintendent of the school, but he has as often declined the honor, preferring to remain with his class, where his efforts have been as successful as his practice has been delightful and charming.

The Day in Brooklyn.

In one respect the New-Year's Day of 1869 was similar to that of 1868, it was stormy; in another way the one was unlike the other, it hailed and rose yesterday, while a year ago was rainy and stormy. On both occasions the weather cut of doors was anything but pleasant. Callers ran over their lists to select from the long rolls of the friends, known and unknown, a smaller round, so that the day might be got through without fatigue or extra hazard. The streets were slippery all day, and as the hail was blown to and fro it fell upon unprotected cheeks with cutting violence, lid among whiskers, and froze to the ends of the hair as if it would rather stay than go. The street cars were extra horsed and extra crowded. A few sleighs were on the streets, and their jingling bells made hearts merry for the nonce. Instead of open wagons, as had been intended, close carriages were brought into requisition, and many an order at the livery stable was changed between the previous night and the morning. Gay and happy misses played the newest tunes on their pianos, while they waited for visitors coming to wish them "a happy new year," and eat their cakes and drink their—well, coffee. Mr. Beecher's lecture on New-Year's Eve seemed to have taken deep effect upon the great mass of respectable society, for the young ladies who were not to offer their young gentlemen friends intoxicating stimulants—not even light wines—did ask them what they would have and told them to help themselves, and crossed the transition by asking them to smoke cigars to keep their noses warm as they passed through the dreadful storm out of doors; and the young man who was counselled to assert their manhood by resolutory measures, in case and forever renouncing the cup by whomsoever offered, felt the invitation of the ladies more irresistable than Mr. Beecher's kindly advice. And as a consequence, there were some young men in such condition as would warrant the assertion that they would have been better off if they had followed Mr. Beecher's advice. Yet this part of the picture was more limited than in previous years. There were fewer young men drunk and unmanageable during the afternoon than usual on such occasions. To most any citizen of any which might arise from a too free use of stimulants, the whole reserve of the Police force was kept ready for service. In the forenoon, a few of the churches had short services. The Roman Catholic Churches had half-past-seven-o'clock-in-the-morning masses.

During the night, from 12 o'clock New-Year's Eve to day-dawn yesterday, the clatter of small arms was continuous, and the old year was effectively kicked out and the new one as effectively kicked in. Serenading parties traversed and made music shortly after the midnight hour, and persons with black hair were detailed to enter the door of their house and announce the advent of the new year; for the superstition in favor of black-haired persons entering in the new year still prevails extensively, and "blessed are they who have black hair, for they shall get in first, they shall get the coffee when it is warm, or they shall get the first drink, be the same what it may."

The officers of the City Government, including Mayor Kalbfleisch, the City Comptroller, Mr. Johnson, were at their several headquarters in the City Hall to receive their political and civic friends, which, on account of the storm, were not numerous in the afternoon.

In the evening, the latter part of celebrating the New-Year was ushered in many hotels, that is, there were many private and family parties met to be together, and chased over the reminiscences of 1868 and other years, played pleasant games of cards, whist, dominoes or something else, and enjoyed music, vocal and instrumental, until midnight. There was no need of this New-Year's enjoyment that one was reminded of the idea that one of the social resolutions dissed by Mr. Beecher had actually been manufactured, and hereafter the new resolved may be expected to be [illegible]

[illegible] Mayor Kalbfleisch, Comptroller Brennan and Mr. Hall, the Adjutant-General and staff, and a number of Brooklyn Democrats, were at the Albany Capitol on Thursday, with a cold rain, which froze as it fell, rendering the sidewalks dangerous to pedestrians. The rain gradually changed into a driving sleet, and a howling northeast wind arose which rattled the casements and made chimnies tremble, and found its way into every nook and cranny. When morning broke the snow and sleet were several inches deep. The City cars soon found it impossible to succeed without additional teams, and in some cases six horses were used. Most of the lines got out their snow-plows and endeavored to clear the tracks, the Third-avenue line using its steam sweeper, but without effecting much good. Most of the cars, of which but a limited number were running, were crowded to excess with passengers, who had evidently been keeping the New Year. All day long the icy sleet was whirled through the air until the streets were covered to a depth of six or eight inches, while the wind whistled with a mournful sound as if presaging more storms to come. Most of the incoming trains were delayed and the ferry-boats performed their trips with difficulty.

The Storm Elsewhere.

CHICAGO, Friday, Jan. 1.

The old year expired amid the most violent snow-storm of the season. All the railroads are blockaded, most of the trains being six and seven hours behind time. So stormy was the weather, that few New-Year calls were made until the weather moderated in the afternoon.

BOSTON, Friday, Jan. 1.

A drifting northeast snow-storm has been prevailing here all day. It is very thick and rough in the harbor, but no disasters were reported up to sundown. The storm is very severe here, and more so North. The cars on the Montreal Road were blockaded for some time at Lake Village.

BUFFALO, Friday, Jan. 1.

We have had a heavy snow-storm here during the past twenty-four hours. The snow is drifting badly. All the railroads are yet closed.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, Jan. 1.

The sleet and rain have made the day quite unpleasant.

The Lumber Interests of Oregon.

From the Portland Oregonian, Dec. 10.

Something of an idea of the lumber interests of the Wallamet and Columbia valleys may be formed from a simple statement of the business of one of the many mills now in successful operation—that of St. Helens. In conversation, yesterday, with one of the parties connected with that establishment, we learned that since the 1st of last May, that mill has shipped to San Francisco a very little within 3,000,000 feet of building lumber, beside supplying Portland and other local demands with about 1,000,000 feet. This constitutes a very large total for one mill, of which about 2,000,000 logs was actually sawed since the time above named. Of the 3,000,000 sent to San Francisco, over one-third went into market at $18 per thousand; the remainder at $15; the average price shows $16. Take from this price $6 per thousand for freight, and we have the sum of $48,000 as the proceeds of the sales, with which to pay for cost of manufacture and to remain as profit. Every dollar, or nearly so, of this money, is disbursed in Oregon, and a good share of it in some way or another, comes to this city. There are several other extensive milling establishments along the Columbia—one or two, perhaps, whose operations exceed those of the mill at St. Helens. At present, all are more or less embarrassed with the difficulty of chartering vessels to load with lumber. The Portland "pound freight" pay better than lumber, and the masters of vessels trading to the Columbia River seem to be under the impression that the season for extensive produce shipments from this city is about to open, and hence they refuse to charter prior to arrival. Our informant says that not a foot of lumber freight can now be contracted for.

Mr. Beecher on Temperance.

A large congregation was gathered in Plymouth Church, Brooklyn, Thursday evening, under the auspices of the Plymouth Temperance Association, Capt. Duncan, President, in the chair. The occasion of the meeting was to give Mr. Beecher, pastor of the church, an opportunity to address a few farewell words to the old year on the subject of temperance.

Rev. Mr. Beecher, on being introduced, said that there were men who had forgotten their old notions of temperance. Young men spend much of their time in common drinking-saloons, and the old condition of things was, doubtless, the result of this war. Then it was generally admitted that of the strangers traveling in Europe now the great majority were Americans, and it seemed to be one of the objects of travel to become better acquainted with the various kinds and qualities of wines. The world did not agree with them if they so they had to drink wine. The vicious customs of the upper circles of society seemed to be more powerful as example than its virtues. Our people returned to this country to increase the demand for wines. The consequence of this was the establishment of wine-making by a large number of commerce. New-York was becoming every year more of a wine-making State. The demand for California wines in the market showed that there had been a wide departure among our people from the old temperance notions. The argument was that the use of light wines would reduce the appetite and demand for stronger liquors. The speaker wished he could believe this. Wine was but the jackal of the lion; it was but the beginning of a bad course. Americans did not drink to satisfy the palate, but to obtain stimulus. Mr. Hillard, of Boston, and Dr. Hewlett, of Springfield, Mass., had testified that the growth of easy wine-drinking customs were the source of untold disorder in families